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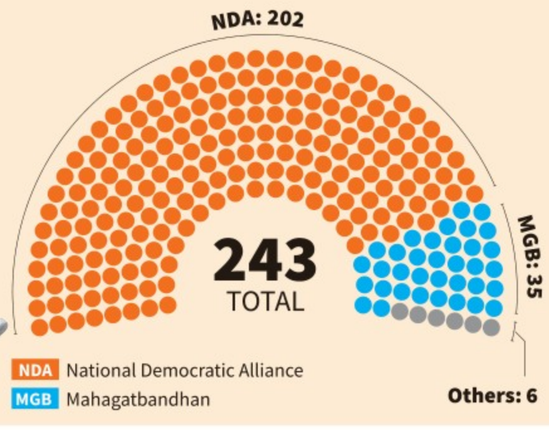
Brought back with a bang

Two decades of incumbency is no burden for NDA as it scores a four-fifths majority, thanks largely to strong alliance arithmetic and women's support



People of the State have expressed their confidence in our government by giving us a landslide mandate in the polls. For this, I bow to all the esteemed voters and express my heartfelt gratitude

NITISH KUMAR, Bihar Chief Minister

Party	Won	Overall vote share	C. vote share*
BJP	89	20.6%	48.5%
JD(U)	85	20.3%	46.5%
LJP(RV)	19	4.6%	43.4%
Oth. NDA	9	1.2%	41.1%
NDA total	202	46.7%	–

Party	Won	Overall vote share	C. vote share*
RJD	25	22%	38.9%
INC	6	8.9%	34.4%
CPI(ML)(L)	2	3.2%	35.6%
Oth. MGB	2	3.4%	27.1%
MGB total	35	37.5%	

Party	Won	Overall vote share	C. vote share*
AIMIM	5	2%	16.2%
JSP	0	3.4%	3.5%
Others	1	10.4%	10.8%

Note: Oth. NDA = HAMS, RLM
Oth. MGB = VIP, CPI, CPI(M), IIP, JJD
*vote share in contested seats

Data as of 10 p.m.

NDA takes Bihar by storm

- Ruling alliance wins 202 seats in the 243-member Assembly
- BJP emerges as the single largest party, bagging 89 seats overall
- *Mahagatbandhan* faces crushing defeat, claiming only 35 seats

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

Beating the anti-incumbency factor in Bihar, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar led the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) to a huge win in the State Assembly election on Friday, with the ruling coalition's seat tally crossing 200 in the 243-strong legislature. Mr. Kumar's Mahila Rojgar Yojana, under which ₹10,000 was given to around 1.25 crore women over the last two months, seemed to have played an important role in his victory.

The NDA's total vote share stood at 46.7%, while the Opposition INDIA bloc had a vote share of 37.5%.

In terms of seats, the gap is much wider. The NDA won 202 seats. The Opposition *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) is facing total collapse, having won just 35 seats.

Winning cheers: BJP supporters celebrating victory at the party office in Patna on Friday. R. V. MOORTHY

In fact, the Opposition's Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) has the highest vote share among all parties, winning nearly 23% of votes polled, but that has translated to a tally of just 25 seats.

The BJP had the next best vote share of 20.6% and is set to have the most legislators in the Assembly, having won 89 seats. Its NDA ally, the Janata Dal (United), which garnered a 20.3% vote share, won 85 seats. Both the BJP and the JD(U) had contested 101 seats each.

The Congress has posted its worst performance since 2010, snagging just six seats, despite a vote share of 8.9%.

The All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), led by Asaduddin Owaisi, with a 2% vote share, won only five seats.

Apart from the BJP and the JD(U), the NDA's smaller members contributed significantly to the coalition's tally.

The LJP(RV), led by Union Minister Chirag Paswan, posted an excellent strike rate, winning 19 of the 29 seats it had contested. More importantly, 17 of these seats had been won by the Grand Alliance in the 2020 election, cementing Mr. Paswan's importance in the ruling alliance. The Rashtriya Lok Morcha (RLM) led by Upendra Kushwaha won four seats, while the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) led by Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi won five.

The NDA victory comes amidst potential headwinds from anti-incumbency, allegations of vote theft levelled by the Congress, and new entrants like Prashant Kishor's Jan Suraaj Party, which failed to win even a single seat in its electoral debut.

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Ruling parties suffer losses in byelections

NEW DELHI
Ruling parties lost four of the eight Assembly constituencies across five States and one Union Territory which went to byelection. The National Conference suffered a major setback in its stronghold in J&K, while the Congress registered gains in Rajasthan and Telangana. » PAGE 14

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Nearly four months after Bengaluru revised autorickshaw fares, many drivers continue to operate without updating their meters, leaving commuters frustrated and questioning the purpose of the hike. » PAGE 5

Apartments cry foul over SWM user fee

BENGALURU
Many apartment communities in the city have raised red flags over indiscriminate levying of Solid Waste Management user fee. » PAGE 2

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Narrow escape

An Indian Air Force aircraft crashed on Friday afternoon on the Thiruporur-Nemmili Road near Chennai, during a routine training mission. The pilot ejected to safety. M. KARUNAKARAN

Saalumarada Thimmakka
FILE PHOTO

Saalumarada Thimmakka passes away

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka passed away on Friday at the age of 114.

Ms. Thimmakka breathed her last at noon at a private hospital in Bengaluru where she was admitted on November 2 with acute exacerbation of bronchial asthma and lower respiratory tract infection.

Hospital officials said that Ms. Thimmakka suffered multi-organ failure due to the prolonged illness and died.

Ms. Thimmakka, with her late husband, is noted for planting and tending banyan trees along a national highway for which she was honoured with several awards.

Ms. Thimmakka was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019 for social work-environment apart from being listed as one among BBC's 100 most influential and inspirational women in the world in 2016.

Her mortal remains will be kept for public viewing from 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. at Ravindra Kalakshetra here. The funeral will be conducted with full state honours on Saturday.

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Government notifies Digital Personal Data Protection Act

Aroon Deep
NEW DELHI

The Union government notified large parts of the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023 on Friday, addressing the need for a law to protect the data privacy of Indian citizens.

The DPDP Rules, 2025 are also a significant step forward in compliance with the Supreme Court's 2017 *K.S. Puttaswamy v. Union of India* judgment affirming the right to privacy.

The law, passed in August 2023 in Parliament, requires firms to safeguard the digital data of Indian citizens, with exemptions for the "State and its instrumentalities", and prescribes penalties for firms that breach these obligations.

Meanwhile, transparency activists have said the law weakens the Right to Information Act, 2005 by removing the obligation of government bodies to provide "personal information" if the public interest outweighs a public official's right to privacy.

That amendment is in force from Friday. However, "data fiduciaries", who collect and use personal data, will have until November 2026 to comply with some provisions, such as putting out the details of their designated Data Protection Officer. That same month, the Consent Manager framework, which allows firms to exercise data removal and amendment rights on behalf of "data principals" (users), will also come into force.

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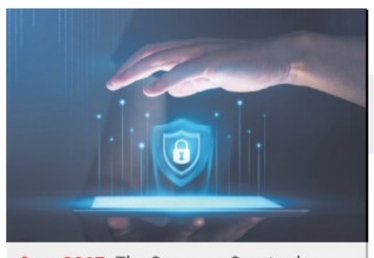
Closer to compliance

With key parts of the DPDP Act now notified, the government edges closer to enforcing the 2017 Supreme Court privacy judgment and strengthening protections for Indians' personal data



Aug. 2017: The Supreme Court rules that privacy is a **fundamental right**

July 2018: Retd. Justice **B.N. Srikrishna-led committee** submits its report and a draft data protection Bill

Dec. 2022: A **fresh draft Bill** prepared by the IT Ministry

Aug. 2023: Parliament passes the **Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023**

Jan. 2025: Draft rules to enforce the Act are put out for **public consultation**

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1	NEOPOLIS layout-Kokapet, Kokapet (vg), Gandipet (mdl), Rangareddy (dist)	239 & 240	17	4.59	Multi Use Zone		99.00	5.00	20-11-2025	24-11-2025, 11.00 am to 02.00 pm	17-11-2025, @ 11.00am & T-Hub, Raidurg
			18	5.31							
			15	4.03	Multi Use Zone		99.00	5.00	24-11-2025	28-11-2025, 11.00 am to 02.00 pm	
			16	5.03							
			19	4.00	Multi Use Zone		99.00	5.00	28-11-2025	03-12-2025, 11.00 am to 02.00 pm	
			20	4.04							
2	Golden Mile Layout Kokapet(vg), Gandipet (Mdl), Rangareddy (dist)	116 & 117	Site-2	1.98	Multi Use Zone		70.00	5.00	01-12-2025	05-12-2025, 11.00 am to 02.00 pm	

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Metropolitan Commissioner
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What's all the fuss about the Ashes?

It is no longer Test cricket's pre-eminent bilateral series, but England and Australia continue to be obsessed with their historic rivalry. What fuels this endless fascination? And with the latest chapter beginning next week, how does the neutral view the battle for the urn?

GETTY IMAGES

K.C. Vijaya Kumar

As Stokes and his men get busy in Australia, the hype machine is on overdrive and tabloids are running cheeky headlines

Fighter jets flew in tandem as Lord's stirred to a morning full of anticipation, while nearby tube stations dispensed eager fans. A youngster added to the cute-quotient with a placard beseeching people to spare one ticket as he had flown all the way from New Zealand. It was July 14, 2019, and the ICC World Cup had finally inched towards its climax.

Host England and doughty New Zealand were in the mix, and as the rousing summit clash yielded ties, both in the match and through the Super Over, a boundary count was used as the final arbiter. It's never ideal, but that is the way it was as Eoin Morgan's men found their moment under the sun while New Zealand, led by Kane Williamson, was left to mourn a tale of being so close, yet so far.

The cup that matters?

Ever since the World Cup was launched in 1975, England had flattered to deceive and, finally, thanks to Ben Stokes and the chutzpah and ability he bristles with, cricket's birthplace finally had won the cup that matters. Or so it seemed until the post-match press-conference commenced in the Lord's basement while the crowd outside, lubricated with a frothy liquid, was busy making merry.

Morgan, all narrow eyes, impish grin, and overwhelming relief, sauntered in with the World Cup in tow. And as eager correspondents shot up their hands, the first question was about how this triumph could boost morale for the impending Ashes against the visiting Aussies! Yes, you heard that right, an epochal universal title was deemed as a maiden step to seize what was and still is essentially a bilateral series.

The England captain with Irish veins took no offence and, in fact, answered at length. Even if that particular moment had to be present in the 'here' and 'now', and demanded that joy be multiplied through champagne bubbles, Morgan juxtaposed the win with the imminent Ashes. It seemed normal for the British journalists too as they eventually warmed up to an incredible final and a much-awaited title.

Being the World Cup, obviously the press corps consisted of representatives from significant countries on the cricketing globe. And for those from Asia, especially, it was an eye-opener in terms of the variable awe that a World Cup seemed to generate in different parts of the former Empire where the sun never set.

Earlier that day, inside the cramped Lord's press-box, one of the local scribes wryly said that if England won, it would make page one, and if the host succumbed, then the reportage would be relegated to some part of the sports page. That remark, and the query in the media interaction, showed that in terms of the sports micro-culture prevalent then and now in the Old Blighty, the Ashes had a bigger brand value, or recall, as those quoting marketing guru Philip Kotler would say.

Perhaps, it is tied up with long-drawn history, as England and Australia are the original rivals in cricket, having played the first ever Test at Melbourne in 1877. The erstwhile mother country and colony still have an umbilical cord as Charles III remains the monarch. Yet, there are undercurrents of the ruler's complacence and the distant subject's angst even as both England and Australia are distinct independent countries.

In the mid-1980s, Ian Botham quipped about the fun of defeating 11 convicts in front of 11,000 convicts. It was a tongue-in-cheek remark, a sledge ahead of an Ashes joust Down Under, but still it had the weight of history and the vestiges of colonialism. It is common knowledge that ancient England shipped its prisoners to Australia, deemed both a colony and equally a space for housing convicts.

Probing old wounds

Botham was claiming the moral high ground, a superiority flex even if at the time of his utterance he may not have done a psychological or anthropological study of his words. But all this is part of the quirks of the Ashes, even if old historical wounds are probed with a touch of black humour.

The Ashes that came into effect from the 1882-83 series is part of sporting folklore. The urn is revered even if the British Empire may just be a memory, restricted to silverfish-gnawed pages of historical tomes placed in musty libraries. Yet, through the Ashes, it shines and wanes. England and Australia are fused through English of diverse accents and also split by cricket of combative skills and sharp words.

It is a rivalry that has the vigour and zest of Argentina against Brazil in football. That, like the cricketing one between India and Pakistan, has the twinge and pangs of neighbour's envy. At many levels, India against Pakistan, with all the baggage stretching back to Partition in 1947 and the resultant political and religious complexities, has an edge.

But with the way things are across the Wagah, the Asian giants face off only in ICC's multi-team tournaments while bilaterals have been avoided. This is a rivalry that has its episodes distilled into the odd limited-overs bash unlike the Ashes that endures through regular Tests.

Cut to the present, as Stokes and his men get busy in Australia, the hype machine is on overdrive and tabloids are running cheeky headlines. Joe Root is reminded of his lack of Test tons Down Under while former players on either side are busy playing Nostradamus.

A rivalry embellished by the exploits of Don Bradman, Harold Larwood, the Chappells, Dennis Lillee, the Waughs, Botham, David Gower, Allan Border, Stokes, Ricky Ponting, Shane Warne, Kevin Pietersen, Andrew Flintoff and many more champions, is getting fresh air through nostalgia's sieves. The Ashes always had its high-points, especially in 1981 and 2005, and it elevated many players, forced some into retirement, and generated enough anecdotes for former stars to shine as after-dinner speakers.

But seen from an Indian perspective, there is always that question: Aren't the recent India-Australia skirmishes gaining more intensity and heft, especially after the Eden miracle in 2001? And hasn't India been the better tourist over the last decade Down Under even if the last sojourn wasn't exactly a good one?

Drawing an audience

The Ashes, though, continues to have its charms and draws an audience, both from the emotionally-invested, like viewers from England and Australia, and the neutrals like the Indians. There is buzz, wit, off-field needle, and then the action is further alloyed with concise descriptions and pauses in commentary – at least, that used to be the norm. Think Richie Benaud.

Over 345 Tests, Australia has won 142, England has prevailed in 110, and when Perth hosts the first contest of the latest Ashes from November 21, a fresh chapter will be added. As an Indian, you could mumble 'what is the fuss', and still be drawn towards it, just like you peer at Wimbledon with a sense of wonder. And yes, there is a slice of the sporting universe where the Ashes matters more than World Cups! Strange but true.

STACKING UP

ATP Men's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Carlos Alcaraz	22	11,050	18
2	Jannik Sinner	24	10,000	17
3	Alexander Zverev	28	4,960	23
4	Novak Djokovic	38	4,830	20
5	Ben Shelton	23	3,970	22
6	Taylor Fritz	28	3,935	22
7	Alex de Minaur	26	3,935	22
8	Felix Auger-Aliassime	25	3,845	27
9	Lorenzo Musetti	23	3,840	22
10	Jack Draper	23	2,990	17
11	Alexander Bublik	28	2,870	29
12	Casper Ruud	26	2,835	21
13	Daniil Medvedev	29	2,760	24
14	A. Davidovich Fokina	26	2,635	26
15	Holger Rune	22	2,590	21

Top Indians ▶

Sumit Nagal
Rank 275 ▲ 1 spot

Aryan Shah
Rank 386 ▼ 1 spot

WTA Women's Top 15

#	Player	Age	Points	Events
1	Aryna Sabalenka	27	10,870	21
2	Iga Swiatek	24	8,395	21
3	Coco Gauff	21	6,763	21
4	Amanda Anisimova	24	6,287	23
5	Elena Rybakina	26	5,850	23
6	Jessica Pegula	31	5,583	23
7	Madison Keys	30	4,335	21
8	Jasmine Paolini	29	4,325	19
9	Mirra Andreeva	18	4,319	19
10	Ekaterina Alexandrova	30	3,375	27
11	Belinda Bencic	28	3,168	22
12	Clara Tauson	22	2,770	23
13	Linda Noskova	20	2,641	25
14	Elina Svitolina	31	2,595	20
15	Emma Navarro	24	2,515	25

Top Indians ▶

Sahaja Yamalapalli
Rank 309 ▲ 1 spot

Shrivalli Bhamidipaty
Rank 381 ▲ 2 spots

English Premier League Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Arsenal	11	8	2	1	20	5	15	26
2	Man. City	11	7	1	3	23	8	15	22
3	Chelsea	11	6	2	3	21	11	10	20
4	Sunderland	11	5	4	2	14	10	4	19
5	Tottenham	11	5	3	3	19	10	9	18
6	Aston Villa	11	5	3	3	13	10	3	18
7	Man. United	11	5	3	3	19	18	1	18
8	Liverpool	11	6	0	5	18	17	1	18
9	Bournemouth	11	5	3	3	17	18	-1	18
10	Crystal Palace	11	4	5	2	14	9	5	17
11	Brighton	11	4	4	3	17	15	2	16
12	Brentford	11	5	1	5	17	17	0	16
13	Everton	11	4	3	4	12	13	-1	15
14	Newcastle	11	3	3	5	11	14	-3	12
15	Fulham	11	3	2	6	12	16	-4	11
16	Leeds	11	3	2	6	10	20	-10	11
17	Burnley	11	3	1	7	14	22	-8	10
18	West Ham	11	3	1	7	13	23	-10	10
19	N. Forest	11	2	3	6	10	20	-10	9
20	Wolves	11	0	2	9	7	25	-18	2

Italian Serie A Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Inter Milan	11	8	0	3	26	12	14	24
2	Roma	11	8	0	3	12	5	7	24
3	AC Milan	11	6	4	1	17	9	8	22
4	Napoli	11	7	1	3	16	10	6	22
5	Bologna	11	6	3	2	18	8	10	21
6	Juventus	11	5	4	2	14	10	4	19
7	Como	11	4	6	1	12	6	6	18
8	Sassuolo	11	5	1	5	14	12	2	16
9	Lazio	11	4	3	4	13	9	4	15
10	Udinese	11	4	3	4	12	17	-5	15
11	Cremonese	11	3	5	3	12	13	-1	14
12	Torino	11	3	5	3	10	16	-6	14
13	Atalanta	11	2	7	2	13	11	2	13
14	Cagliari	11	2	4	5	9	14	-5	10
15	Lecce	11	2	4	5	8	14	-6	10
16	Pisa	11	1	6	4	8	14	-6	9
17	Parma	11	1	5	5	7	14	-7	8
18	Genoa	11	1	4	6	8	16	-8	7
19	Verona	11	0	6	5	6	16	-10	6
20	Fiorentina	11	0	5	6	9	18	-9	5

Spanish LaLiga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Real Madrid	12	10	1	1	26	10	16	31
2	Barcelona	12	9	1	2	32	15	17	28
3	Villarreal	12	8	2	2	24	10	14	26
4	Atletico Madrid	12	7	4	1	24	11	13	25
5	Real Betis	12	5	5	2	19	13	6	20
6	Espanyol	12	5	3	4	15	15	0	18
7	Athletic Club	12	5	2	5	12	13	-1	17
8	Getafe	12	5	2	5	12	14	-2	17
9	Sevilla	12	5	1	6	18	19	-1	16
10	Alaves	12	4	3	5	11	11	0	15
11	Elche	12	3	6	3	13	14	-1	15
12	Rayo Vallecano	12	4	3	5	12	14	-2	15
13	Celta Vigo	12	2	7	3	15	18	-3	13
14	Real Sociedad	12	3	4	5	14	17	-3	13
15	Real Mallorca	12	3	3	6	12	18	-6	12
16	Osasuna	12	3	2	7	9	13	-4	11
17	Valencia	12	2	4	6	11	21	-10	10
18	Girona	12	2	4	6	11	24	-13	10
19	Levante	12	2	3	7	16	23	-7	9
20	Real Oviedo	12	2	2	8	7	20	-13	8

German Bundesliga Standings

#	Team	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
1	Bayern	10	9	1	0	35	6	29	28
2	RB Leipzig	10	7	1	2	20	13	7	22
3	Dortmund	10	6	3	1	16	7	9	21
4	Stuttgart	10	7	0	3	17	12	5	21
5	Leverkusen	10	6	2	2	24	14	10	20
6	Hoffenheim	10	6	1	3	21	16	5	19
7	Eintracht	10	5	2	3	23	19	4	17
8	Werder	10	4	3	3	15	18	-3	15
9	Cologne	10	4	2	4	17	15	2	14
10	SC Freiburg	10	3	4	3	13	14	-1	13
11	Union Berlin	10	3	3	4	13	17	-4	12
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Test Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Joe Root	908	932
2	Harry Brook	868	898
3	Kane Williamson	850	919
4	Steve Smith	816	947
5	Yashasvi Jaiswal	791	858
6	Kamindu Mendis	781	784
7	Temba Bavuma	774	806
8	Rishabh Pant	753	801
9	Daryl Mitchell	748	804
10	Ben Duckett	747	787

Test Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Jasprit Bumrah	882	908
2	Matt Henry	846	846
3	Noman Ali	843	853
4	Pat Cummins	838	914
5	Kagiso Rabada	823	902
6	Josh Hazlewood	815	864
7	Scott Boland	784	784
8	Nathan Lyon	769	812
9	Mitchell Starc	766	807
9	Gus Atkinson	766	766

ODI Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rohit Sharma	781	882
2	Ibrahim Zadran	764	764
3	Daryl Mitchell	746	751
4	Shubman Gill	745	847
5	Virat Kohli	725	909
6	Charith Asalanka	710	725
7	Babar Azam	709	898
8	Harry Tector	708	767
9	Shreyas Iyer	700	710
10	Shai Hope	690	802

ODI Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Rashid Khan	710	799
2	Keshav Maharaj	673	741
3	Jofra Archer	670	654
4	Maheesh Theekshana	659	686
5	Bernard Scholtz	645	648
6	Kuldeep Yadav	634	761
7	Mitchell Santner	631	657
8	Josh Hazlewood	628	727
9	Matt Henry	615	691
10	Wanindu Hasaranga	607	619

T20I Batting

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Abhishek Sharma	925	931
2	Phil Salt	849	881
3	Pathum Nissanka	779	779
4	Jos Buttler	770	794
5	Tilak Varma	761	845
6	Travis Head	727	885
7	Kusal Perera	692	786
8	Suryakumar Yadav	691	912
9	Tim Seifert	690	727
10	Mitchell Marsh	685	694

T20I Bowling

#	Player	Rating	Career best
1	Varun Chakaravarthy	780	803
2	Rashid Khan	701	828
3	Jacob Duffy	694	750
4	Wanindu Hasaranga	687	809
5	Adil Rashid	686	747
6	Akeal Hosein	682	726
7	Nuwan Thushara	676	714
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Bengaluru's mid-segment housing holds steady

With affordability pressures reshaping choices, mid-market homes anchor the city's real estate momentum

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The housing market in Bengaluru continues to evolve and thrive, proving itself resilient, adaptive, and full of opportunity. Bengaluru's real estate narrative is no longer defined by extremes of affordability or luxury but by the steady and confident rise of the mid-segment housing market. This reflects the growing preference for homes that balance aspiration with affordability.

The current momentum is powered by major infrastructure development across the city. This includes metro extensions, new transport corridors, and expanding social infrastructure across Bengaluru's north, east, and southeast.

The result is consistent absorption and sustained demand for mid-segment homes. These changes are redefining what 'livable' means and expanding the city's housing map far beyond traditional boundaries.

While mid-market housing continues to flourish, the premium segment shows signs of fatigue. It points to affordability pressures that are making homebuyers in this category more cautious. They are taking longer to decide, negotiating harder, and waiting for better value.

Developers, in turn, are offering flexible payment plans and discounts, yet sales momentum remains sluggish.

The reasons are clear: rising ticket sizes have stretched purchasing power, while income growth has not kept pace with housing prices. Add to that global economic uncertainty and job transitions in the technology sector. As a result, buyers are cautious about big-ticket purchases – and understandably so.

Homes priced between ₹65 lakh and ₹1 crore continue to form the core of Bengaluru's housing demand. These homes cater to salaried professionals earning between ₹10 and ₹20 lakh annually. Moreover, household incomes in this bracket have grown steadily, from ₹18 lakh-₹25 lakh in 2022 to ₹22 lakh-₹30 lakh in 2024. This allows for greater comfort and confidence in homebuying decisions.

This set of homebuyers is pragmatic yet aspirational. They seek well-connected homes with strong social infrastructure and are aware that waiting too long could make ownership harder. The result is a sense of urgency that fuels steady demand. This blend of caution and aspiration makes the mid-segment uniquely resilient, reflecting not only market strength but also the mindset of the modern Indian homebuyer.

Adapting fast

Developers are clearly reading the signals and realigning portfolios to focus more on the mid-segment housing market. It offers a more stable, scalable growth path than the affordable or luxury categories. They are also embracing modern construction technologies such as aluminium formwork, MIVAN (aluminium formwork system), and factory-cast components. These innovations reduce timelines, improve quality, and optimise costs.

The geography of growth is also shifting. A majority of new launches in Q3 2025 came from North Bengaluru – around Devanahalli, Yelahanka, and Thanisandra – thanks to the upcoming Blue Line metro. In East Bengaluru, Whitefield and Old Madras Road were prime areas of growth, while in the South and Southeast, Sarjapur Road, Electronic City, HSR Extension, and Kanakapura Road saw notable traction. These areas, once considered peripheral, are now vibrant growth corridors.

Overcoming challenges

After years of slowdown triggered by demonetisation, GST, RERA, and the pandemic, the real estate industry is finally experiencing strong price escalation and revived demand. However, the recovery coincides with rising construction costs caused by higher raw material prices and labour shortages. Across India, prices have moved upwards, but Bengaluru's surge has been sharper – driven by end-user demand and a growing migrant workforce.

Despite these price increases, rents have remained largely stable, keeping mid-segment homes both active and aspirational. The mid-segment today is Bengaluru's confidence zone – a reflection of its economic strength and long-term potential.

Additionally, the recent change in GST rates on cement has come at an opportune time for the housing market, as this reduction is expected to bring down project costs to some extent. While ongoing or near-completion projects may see limited impact, upcoming projects are likely to pass on these benefits to buyers. This translates into lower ownership costs, making it highly attractive for first-time and mid-segment buyers.

To sustain this momentum, policy support will be critical. The government should consider extending the 1% GST benefit for affordable housing to homes priced up to ₹65 lakh-₹75 lakh (from the current ₹45 lakh).

This would help bring more projects and buyers under the affordable housing bracket, making homes more accessible to the common man.

For investors, developers, and policymakers, the mid-segment will remain the most reliable barometer of Bengaluru's housing health. It represents not just data points, but the optimism, resilience, and aspirations of a city that continues to build its future confidently.

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Apartments cry foul over the issue of levy of SWM user fee

As per the SWM user fee norms, apartments with over 100 flats are considered bulk waste generators and are exempted from paying SWM user fee if they are giving their waste to empanelled vendors and not to the civic agency

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There are hundreds of apartments in the city with less than 100 flats that have tied up with empanelled vendors, paying them for their SWM but are now forced to pay SWM user fee as well. K. MURALI KUMAR

Many apartment communities in the city have raised red flags over indiscriminate levying of Solid Waste Management (SWM) user fee.

As per the SWM user fee norms implemented in April, 2025, apartments with over 100 flats are considered bulk waste generators and are exempted from paying SWM user fee if they are giving their waste to empanelled vendors and not to the civic agency.

Bulk waste

However, the definition of bulk waste generators has been changing–up from 20 flats and above to 50 flats and above and now to 100 flats and above.

There are hundreds of apartments in the city with less than 100 flats that have tied up with empanelled vendors, paying them for their SWM but are now forced to pay SWM user fee as well, even as they are not availing the services of the civic agency.

For example, a 1000-2000 sq. ft and above flat will pay SWM user fee in the range of ₹100-₹150, while some flats pay ₹150 per month per flat to the empanelled vendor.

Srikanth Narasimhan, of Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP), lives in one such apartment community - Brigade Paramount on Old Madras Road with 81 flats.

"Earlier, we were classified as a bulk waste generator. We have tied up with an empanelled vendor, Hasirudala. Though it may cost us more than the SWM user fee, we are confident that our segregated waste will not be mixed again, unlike with GBA contractors. But we are also being penalised with SWM user fee," he said, adding that this lack of clarity must be addressed immediately by the GBA and option to opt out of the service must be given to communities.

Lalithamba B.V., a resident of Aakruthi Silverline apartment in HSR Layout with 60 flats, which also gives waste to an empanelled vendor, said that instead of imposing charges indiscriminately, the GBA should recognise these grassroot efforts by exempting such apartments from additional fees.

"This approach would respect residents' efforts, avoid unfair double payments, and reflect a fairer, more transparent waste management policy," she said.

April confusion

Meanwhile, due to confusion and lack of clarity over exemption from SWM user fee for bulk waste generators in the beginning of the Financial Year 2025-26, many from big apartment communities ended up paying the user fee.

"SWM user fee was introduced on April 4 and the exemption for bulk waste generators on April 20. Being always prompt on paying taxes and bills and to use the 5% rebate that was there, I paid the property tax on April 7. I live in an apartment community with over 300 flats and we give waste to an empanelled vendor. I have now paid the user fee as well for 2025-26. There is no word from the GBA whether it will be refunded and how," said Hemanth Patni, a chartered accountant and a resident of Uber Verdant on Sarjapur Road.

He is not alone. Arvind Kumar Chiraniya, a resident of Prestige Lakeside Habitat apartment community in Gunjur, said over 30% of the residents of their community had paid their property tax within April 20, when the exemption for bulk generators was announced. "GBA should find a way to refund the user fee paid by us," he said.

BNP campaign

Bengaluru NavaNirman Party (BNP) has begun a "#IWon'tPay" campaign against SWM user fee demanding that the user fee be scrapped for 2025-26. The online petition for the campaign has already garnered over 3,000 signatures.

Roadside advertisement space increases, zone-based rules for bidders introduced

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Bengaluru's advertising landscape is set for a major overhaul, with the State government releasing a new draft that increases the volume of advertising permitted along the city's roads. The draft will introduce a stricter zone-based system, and standardise how rights are assigned to bidders for every road, circle and notified stretch.

In the revised draft, the government has allowed more advertising space on most Bengaluru roads. Earlier, rules had fixed lower limits–for example, 800 sq. ft of ads were allowed for every 200 m on 18 to 24 m roads, 1,000 sq. ft on 24-30 m roads, 1,100 sq. ft on 30-60 m roads and 1,200 sq. ft on the widest roads. The new draft increases these to 1,000 sq. ft, 1,200 sq. ft, 1,500 sq. ft and 1,600 sq. ft respectively. A major earlier restriction, a cap on how long the ads could be horizontally, has now been completely removed. The new draft does away with previous layout restrictions that controlled how ads could be arranged.

The new draft also revises how much advertisers must pay per sq. ft. Earlier, low-value stretches started at ₹50 per sq. ft (for ₹3000 per sq. ft.) and the rates climbed up to ₹90 (₹40000 per sq. ft.) for the highest-value areas. In the new draft, the starting band now begins at ₹45 (₹4000 per sq. ft), and the highest band tops out at ₹75 (₹25000 per sq. ft).

Basic rule retained

The draft retains the basic rule that the bidder who wins rights for any road stretch, circle or area can put up advertisements anywhere within that zone on behalf of clients. However, the rules governing private properties have been rewritten. Previously, the erstwhile BBMP bylaws imposed steep penalties on B-Register properties and sites without Khata, including double additional property tax, and in some cases full property tax plus double penalty until a Khata was obtained.

The new draft removes these clauses and said that no commercial advertisement can be put up on any property that does not have a valid Khata, unless the owner first converts it to an A-Khata in accordance with the law. The corporation will continue to have the power to immediately remove hoardings on properties without Khata or those missing from the property-tax register.

The rules also clarify that paying advertisement fees to the corporation does not give advertisers any right to enter or use private or government property on their own, permissions and commercial terms must be independently negotiated with each property owner. These payments to property owners are separate from the advertisement fees owed to the corporation.

The draft also redefines how advertisements inside government-owned premises will be handled. Earlier, railways, BMRCL, KSRTC, BMTC, and PSUs retained revenue from ads inside their campuses, and certain metro-related revenues were shared between BBMP and BMRCL. The new draft continues to let these agencies tender and retain income from advertisements inside their facilities, but removes the cross-sharing arrangements. Metro pillars, stations and all other BMRCL structures remain fully outside the bidder's rights even if they fall within the bidder's assigned stretch, and BMRCL will tender these separately.

Residents of Kanakapura Road apartment fall sick; civic body suspects viral diarrhoea

The Hindu Bureau
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Many residents of Prestige Falcon City apartment community on Kanakapura Road have fallen ill over the past few weeks. Many have developed stomach ache, diarrhoea and vomiting.

Avnidhar Hawaldar, a resident, said that multiple members of his family were affected and they had to be administered saline at a nearby nursing home due to weakness and fatigue.

"Nearby hospitals are full of residents of our community. Even the hospital on the apartment premises has reported multiple cases," he said.

No outbreak

A medical team from Bengaluru South City Corporation has been camping at the apartment community with a population of over 9,000 from November 12, when they first got an alert.

Kumar M.V., Medical Officer, South City Corporation, camping at the apartment community, said there have been sporadic cases from October 6, recorded at the hospital inside the apartment complex.

The hospital on the campus reported a total of 46 gastroenteritis cases between October 6 and November 12.

"There are only sporadic cases and there has been no outbreak. We suspect there is a prevalence of viral diarrhoea," he said.

Water contamination?

Mansoor Ali, another resident, said they suspected that there was an infection spreading through the community due to contamination of water sources.

Corporation officials have taken multiple water samples from the inlet, borewells, storage tanks and taps. "We have sent the samples to the Public Health Institute on Thursday and the reports are awaited. As of now there is no confirmation that it is water-borne," Dr. Kumar said. Vasant Kumar, president, Prestige Falcon City Residents' Welfare Association, told *The Hindu* that they had got water samples tested at a private lab and the reports did not find any anamolies in the water samples. "However, we have cleared out all the stored water, got the storage tanks cleaned and disinfected. We have also stopped tanker water from outside for now," he said.

Instructions given

Further, the corporation officials have instructed do's and don'ts to the community members, including using boiled and cooled water to drink.

Tenders floated for 109 ward-level road projects in North Corporation

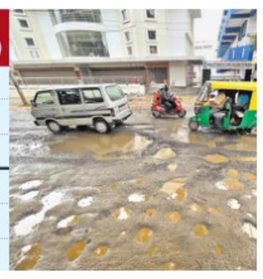
Rishita Khanna
BENGALURU

The Bengaluru North Corporation has floated tenders for a major round of ward-level road works, covering 109 ward-level projects and areas that continue to report some of the city's highest pothole numbers. Tenders are also expected to be floated for arterial and sub-arterial roads across the corporation's limits by November 17, officials said. The overall action plan is estimated at ₹238 crore.

According to data by the authority, North corporation is divided into two zones. Zone-1 has identified 1,994 potholes between April and November this year, while Zone-2 has recorded 1,303. Of these, 1,907 (Zone-1) and 1,242 (Zone-2) have been attended so far.

North Corporation: Works proposed pertaining to Zones 1 and 2

	Ward	No. of works	Amount (₹ crores)
Zone 1	Byatarayanapura	26	50
	Sarvagnanagar	15	50
	Pulakeshinagar	44	50
Zone 2	Hebbal	12	50
	Yelahanka	9	25
	Dasarahalli	3	13



Zone-1 has received the larger share, with 85 works, while Zone-2 will take up 24 works. Byatarayanapura, Sarvagnanagar, and Pulikeshnagar together account for bulk of the proposals, followed by Hebbal, Yelahanka, and Dasarahalli. Officials said these works mainly involve asphalting, strengthening damaged corridors, repairing culverts and restoring smaller internal roads that connect residential pockets, schools, shops and local markets.

Quality of construction

Officials also pointed out that the quality of road construction continues to be poor, and attributed this to the repeated engagement of the same contractors, who, despite delivering sub-standard work in the past, continue to secure new projects. To tackle this, authorities have requested the government to revise project costs upward, hoping that higher-value contracts will attract more competent contractors and lead to visible improvements.

"Since the contracts are small and ward-specific, most bids are submitted by local contractors rather than large national firms, which usually take on only high-value projects. As a result, the same areas often experience delays or poor-quality work," an official said.

Moreover, while officials said they have set tight deadlines, the corporations continue to face a shortage of engineers, which is expected to increase supervision pressure once the new round of road work begins.

Upalokayukta flags lapses at two govt. girls' hostels in Bengaluru

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Upalokayukta K.N. Phaneendra, during a surprise inspection on Friday, uncovered lapses and poor living conditions at two Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Post-Matric Girls' Hostels located at Chikkajala and Kogilu.

At the Chikkajala hostel, Mr. Phaneendra found the premises untidy and lacking basic facilities. Students did not have sufficient drinking or usable water, and no solar water or hot water supply was available.

The borewell, a key water source, has reportedly remained defunct for the past three years, according to a statement released by Lokayukta.

The hostel's generator has not been operational for nearly the same duration.

Further, several toilets were in poor condition, windows on the first floor were jammed with torn mesh, and newly added floors lacked beds and cots.

Upalokayukta K.N. Phaneendra during his visit to the Dr. BR Ambedkar Post metric girls hostel at Chikkajala. At the hostel he found the premises untidy and lacking basic facilities.

The inspection also revealed missing amenities such as shoe racks, faulty switchboards, and a first-aid box filled with expired medicines. Doctors were not visiting the hostel as required.

Second hostel

During his visit to the Kogilu girls' hostel, the Upalokayukta observed similar conditions. The existing water filter was insufficient for students, and no facility had been provided on the upper floors. None of the geysers were functioning, and the hostel lacked access to a library and computer.

In addition, food supplies were found to be unhygienic, grains infested with insects and rotten vegetables being used for cooking. The refrigerator was not working, the water tank had not been cleaned properly, and students faced a daily shortage of food.

The warden was also found to be neglecting her duties, and hygiene in the kitchen remained poor. Medicines were not provided to the hostel, and doctors were not making their routine visits.

Mr. Phaneendra directed hostel authorities to resolve the major issues within two months, calling the hostels "totally neglected".

Customs officials at KIA thwart effort to smuggle hydro ganja worth over ₹53 crore

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a series of back-to-back cases, Customs officials seized more than 72 kg of hydroponic ganja valued at over ₹53 crore at the Kempegowda International Airport (KIA) in Bengaluru in the last 18 days. Most of these seizures were made from passengers arriving from Bangkok, Thailand, with officers noting a clear spike in attempts to smuggle high-grade contraband into Bengaluru.

The most recent incident took place on November 12, when Customs officers intercepted two passengers carrying 15.79 kg of hydroponic ganja, valued at ₹5.53 crore. The two individuals were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

On November 11, officers seized 2.760 kg of the same substance, worth ₹96.60 lakh. On November 10, a passenger was caught with 6.77 kg of hydroponic ganja valued at ₹2.37 crore. The individual was taken into custody.

On November 9, Customs officials intercepted yet another passenger arriving from Bangkok who was carrying 2.990 kg of contraband worth ₹1.04 crore. On November 5, officers seized 3.320 kg of hydroponic ganja valued at ₹3.32 crore. On November 1, 3.18-kg of contraband was seized. The drug was concealed inside checked-in baggage.

largest single seizure

The largest single seizure in the ongoing crackdown was reported on October 29, when the Air Intelligence Unit (AIU) intercepted a passenger travelling from Bangkok via Dubai, UAE who was carrying 37.88 kg of hydroponic ganja valued at ₹37.88 crore.

All individuals involved have been questioned, and investigations are under way to determine whether the cases are linked to a larger organised network.

British Airways operates special flight

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BENGALURU

British Airways which is celebrating 20 years of flight service between Bengaluru and London operated a special anniversary flight from London Heathrow to Bengaluru, served entirely by Indian cabin crew.

Tribute

The airline said that the special flight touched down early on Friday morning, which paid tribute to the airline's enduring relationship with India and its commitment to delivering personalised service that resonates with the diverse communities it serves.

GLOBAL CHESS LEAGUE

> I have the feeling that [Kramnik] simply has lost it. Terrific career, the only one to have beaten Kasparov. And then you think, what is his problem? It is not his speciality [making cheating allegations]

Chess is simple, you just play the best move; politics can be trickier

Former World No. 10 Loek van Wely talks about entering the upcoming edition of the Global Chess League as two-time defending champion, his stint in the Netherlands Senate, the challenges of dealing with cheating in chess and the controversy surrounding Vladimir Kramnik, for whom he worked as a second

INTERVIEW

Loek van Wely

P.K. Ajith Kumar
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Loek van Wely was once the World No. 10 in chess. He has worked as a second for Vladimir Kramnik, Veselin Topalov and Gata Kamsky. He has coached Triveni Continental Kings to the title in both editions of the Global Chess League. The 53-year-old was in Goa recently as the second to fellow Dutchman Max Warmerdam. Excerpts from an interview van Wely gave *The Hindu*:

After Dubai and London, the Global Chess League is going to be held in India for the first time: Mumbai is hosting Season 3 next month.

India is just crazy when it comes to chess. Look at the way people react to players like D. Gukesh, R. Praggnanandhaa and Arjun Erigaisi. So I think it is great the league is being organised in India. Chess in India today reminds me a little bit of how it was in Russia or the Soviet Union. Chess was also kind of State-supported in the Soviet Union, but in India there is a lot of support from companies as well. I know it all started in India with Vishy Anand, against whom I have played a lot of games, though I can't quite call him a rival; I never won against him in the classical format.

> The Global Chess League is a posh event. It is the kind of event that smells of grandeur. And it is good for chess, of course

So how do you look forward to this year's Global Chess League? The pressure will be on you as the defending champion.

Absolutely, yeah. But, we have a good team. And we have added Zhu Jiner, one of the world's top players. Wei Yi was telling me that we should get her.

Last year, another female player served your team really well. Alexandra Kosteniuk won you the final, in fact.

She is a team player. She is a fighter. That is why I wanted her in the team. And this year we have a local lad in the team – Vidit Gujrathi, who has moved his base to Mumbai [from Nashik], so I hope we will get some home support, too.

What do you like about the Global Chess League?

It is a posh event. It is the kind of event that smells of grandeur. And it is good for chess, of course. It also gives a lot of extra possibilities for marketing.

You have worked with Kramnik closely. Were you surprised by the comments he has made about players like Daniel Naroditsky? Kramnik is now being investigated by FIDE's Ethics Commission for making allegations of cheating.

I know when chess players have been under stress for such a long time and working so hard... I have the feeling that the guy simply has lost it. You could see those crazy press conferences... And the guy has had a beautiful career.

Yes. He is the only one to have beaten Garry Kasparov in a match.

Yeah, terrific career, you know, the only one to have beaten Kasparov. And then you think, what is his problem? It is not his job to get involved. It is not his speciality. People may disagree with his views. You see players collapsing in chess all the time, like Vasyl Ivanchuk crying after a game [against Naroditsky at the World Blitz Championship in New York last year].

Do you feel there is cheating in chess?

Yes, of course. But you need to back up your claims. When I was in the Senate [in the Netherlands], I was doing justice and security. I know a little bit about those things. I feel that if you have to catch the cheats in chess, you will probably have to violate the law, such as the ones regarding privacy.

Talking of your time in the Senate, how did you get interested in politics?

The funny thing is that I was always apolitical. There is always something dirty in politics, but I got this opportunity to get connected to it. It kind of fitted me in some way, because it was a new political party, which was standing for a new way of doing politics, but [I got involved] without thinking that I would ever be in the Parliament or the Senate. But then suddenly the party crushed the elections, and I was in the Senate.

How did you find the experience?

The experience itself was interesting, but I don't like to come back. It is just not my natural habitat, you know. Chess is simple: you just play the best move, but politics can just be trickier.

You were backing Praggnanandhaa, rather than Gukesh, to win the Candidates last year. Has Gukesh winning the Candidates and then the World title surprised you?

It probably is more difficult to win the Candidates than to win the World Championship match, especially against Ding Liren. I think in general winning the Candidates is a much bigger step, because your odds are never 50%, which is the case in a match. I was thinking very highly of Pragg. And Fabiano Caruana, too. Maybe I am a little biased about Fabi, as I like the way he plays. I think Pragg is very objective. Gukesh is always pushing so hard. Sometimes too hard.

Other youngsters that you are impressed with?

We have a lot of new kids coming up. This Argentine kid Faustino Oro, then that American kid Andy Woodward. There is also Yagiz Erdogmus from Turkey. We also see the emergence of countries like Uzbekistan and Kazakhstan. And of course, among the top players, there is Vincent Keymer.

He has been superb of late and is now the World No. 4. He was Gukesh's second in the World Championship match against Ding.

That could work either way. You may remember Kramnik was Kasparov's second in his 1995 World title match against Anand. Kramnik beat Kasparov in the 2000 World title match. Kasparov never got a rematch.

How do you look back at your own days as a second?

It was less difficult those days, when there wasn't this much computer in chess. Computers were already good, but you still had to push them in the right direction.

How was it working with Kamsky and his father Rustam?

He [Rustam] was interfering. He was deciding which opening to play. So Kamsky played with a handicap, but I think he was one player who maximised his talent. Later on, Kamsky opened up about his relationship with his father. And that was not so funny.

What is the state of chess back home now?

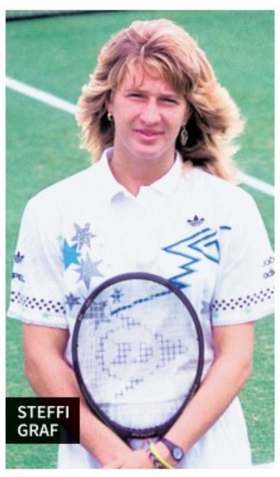
That I am still playing for the national team is not a good sign.

GAME THEORY

Finals bosses: best closers in women's tennis

The 2025 WTA Finals concluded last weekend in Riyadh, with Elena Rybakina winning her first singles title and Veronika Kudermetova and Elise Mertens winning their second doubles title. We take a look this week at the greatest champions of the prestigious season-ender, which features the world's top eight singles players and doubles teams. Martina Navratilova, with an incredible 21 titles combined (8 singles, 13 doubles), has dominated the event, widely considered the most significant tournament on the calendar after the four Majors

MARTINA NAVRATILOVA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MOST SINGLES TITLES

Player	Titles	Editions
Martina Navratilova	8	1978-79, 81, 83-86(2)
Steffi Graf	5	1987, 89, 93, 95-96
Serena Williams	5	2001, 09, 12-14
Chris Evert	4	1972-73, 75, 77
Monica Seles	3	1990-92
Kim Clijsters	3	2002-03, 10
Evonne Goolagong Cawley	2	1974, 76
Gabriela Sabatini	2	1988, 94
Martina Hingis	2	1998, 2000
Justine Henin	2	2006-07

MOST DOUBLES TITLES

Player	Titles	Editions
Martina Navratilova	13	1977-78, 80-86, 87-89, 91
Pam Shriver	10	1981-86, 87-89, 91
Billie Jean King	4	1974, 76, 78, 80
Lisa Raymond	4	2001, 05-06, 11
Betty Stove	3	1976-77, 79
Natasha Zvereva	3	1993-94, 98
Lindsay Davenport	3	1996-98
Liezel Huber	3	2007-08, 11
Cara Black	3	2007-08, 14
Martina Hingis	3	1999-00, 2015
Timea Babos	3	2017-19

NOTE: THE EVENT WAS HELD TWICE IN 1986 BECAUSE OF A CHANGE OF SCHEDULE | SOURCE: WTA TOUR

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Chomp! Swallow!

If there were any doubts about the human ability to make a sport out of anything, this photograph from a hot dog eating contest should put them to rest.

In competitive eating, participants stuff their faces with food in a race to eat the largest quantity within a stipulated time period. Such contests typically span eight to ten minutes, although longer competitions exist, too.

What do contestants eat, you ask. Well, just about anything. In addition to hot dogs, participants have been known to devour asparagus, chicken wings, pancakes, pies, pizzas, hamburgers, whole turkeys and even stinging nettles. In many contests, eaters are allowed to dunk their food in water or other liquids to make them easier to chew and swallow.

Competitive eating is popular in the US, Canada, and Japan, with some events even being televised! But it has also been criticised for promoting food waste and glamourising gluttony. Health experts have warned of the dangers of competitive eating, which include lung infection, severe digestive ailments, stomach perforation and obesity.

Bengaluru Safe City Project helps in detection of inter-State crimes

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence systems, installed under the Bengaluru Safe City Project, have become silent, yet powerful tools for law enforcement agencies across multiple States.

With advanced CCTV camera networks, AI-enabled video analytics, and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) capabilities, the project has helped inter-State crime detection. Its core components include high-resolution surveillance cameras, a real-time monitoring option, ANPR-based vehicle tracking, emergency response systems, and data analytics platforms.

Maharashtra
In one of the most striking examples of its effectiveness, the Maharashtra police recently solved a murder case with the assistance of Bengaluru's vast AI-powered CCTV camera network.

Investigators had only three vehicle numbers as clues when the breakthrough came from Bengaluru's historical ANPR data, which showed the vehicles passing through eight monitored locations. Real-time alerts were then activated at major junctions, enabling coordinated tracking. Through sustained live monitoring, police teams from Maharashtra and Bengaluru apprehended four suspects along with the vehicles.

Mysuru
The Mysuru police, grappling with a spate of chain-snatching incidents, also benefited from the Safe City infrastructure. Bengaluru's ANPR analysis uncovered that a suspect disguised as a food-delivery worker was using two motorcycles with the same registration number. The system captured clear alerts of the suspect's helmet, attire, and delivery bag, enabling the Mysuru police to identify and trace the accused in Bengaluru.

Telangana
In another inter-State collaboration, the Telangana police were searching for an accused involved in fraudulent activities using duplicate number plates. Bengaluru's ANPR platform flagged that the same registration number appeared on two different motorcycles in separate areas of the city. Acting on this alert, the Telangana police arrested the suspect in Bengaluru.

Kerala
The Kerala police, investigating a car-theft case, also relied on the project's capabilities. The ANPR system detected the stolen vehicle at multiple locations within and tracked its movement Using this input, the Kerala police traced and arrested the suspect along with the stolen vehicle.

Man assaulted, robbed of gold chain

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 47-year-old factory owner was allegedly assaulted and robbed of his 100 grams gold chain by a former employee in the Kumbalagodu Police Station limits on Thursday.

According to the complaint, the victim, Amar Narayana Swamy, who runs a Ganesh idol-manufacturing unit in Kanchanapura, was approached on November 13 by a 23-year-old accused, identified as Jayanth.

The accused had briefly worked at Mr. Swamy's factory in June 2025. Jayanth reportedly told the complainant that a BDA site was available for sale and offered to show it to him.

The two travelled in the complainant's car to the Sulikere BDA Layout, where Jayanth showed him two vacant plots.

Attacked with knife
While they were returning, the accused, who was seated in the back seat, allegedly lunged forward and tried to snatch the gold chain worn by the complainant. When the victim resisted, Jayanth allegedly attacked him with a knife, injuring his neck, face, shoulder, forehead, and head.

"Bleeding, the complainant got out of the vehicle and attempted to escape by climbing onto the back of a passing mini-lorry. The accused allegedly chased him, pulled him down, stabbed him again in the back, snatched the gold chain, and fled on a motorcycle," said the police.

The Kumbalagodu Police have registered a case and are on the lookout for the accused.

Man hacked to death

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 23-year-old security guard was hacked to death by unknown persons on Thursday night in Bidadi, in the Bengaluru South district, police said.

The incident unfolded after 11 p.m. when the guard, identified as Nishant T., a resident of Channapatna, was asleep in a hotel located along the Bengaluru-Mysuru Access Controlled Highway.

At least two assailants barged into the hotel and attacked him with deadly weapons, causing critical injuries to his head, according to the police.

"The assailants fled from the scene with the CCTV camera's DVR, leaving no leads at the crime scene," a police officer investigating the case told *The Hindu*.

Nishant was on night duty from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. The guard scheduled to take over the next shift found him dead and alerted the police.

The Bidadi Police have registered a murder case.

State police team aces competition

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The Internal Security Division (ISD) Counter-IED Team of the Karnataka State Police won the 9th National Joint Counter-IED Competition, Visfot Kavach IX, conducted by the National Security Guard (NSG) in New Delhi. This marks the team's third consecutive win in the national event.

Led by Col. Akkula Balakrishna, the Karnataka team is now the only State police force in India to secure three back-to-back national titles in counter-IED operations, underscoring its technical expertise and operational excellence.

The 2025 edition of Visfot Kavach IX, held from November 10 to 15, saw participation from 28 teams representing State police forces, Union Territories, and Central Armed Police Forces.

The competition included advanced bomb disposal drills, IED detection and neutralisation tasks, and complex scenario-based exercises designed to test real-world readiness.

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RISE	02:16	SET 14:36
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RISE	06:19	SET 17:50
RISE	03:02	SET 15:11
MONDAY, NOV. 17		
RISE	06:19	SET 17:50
RISE	03:48	SET 15:46

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Mysuru	29	15
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Modi, BJP, and RSS always criticise Gandhiji and Nehru: Siddaramaiah

The Chief Minister says parents and children should understand the contribution of Nehru to freedom struggle

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Bharatiya Janata Party, and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh have made it their occupation to criticise the first Prime of India Jawaharlal Nehru and Mahatma Gandhi, and make unfounded allegations against them, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has said.

Speaking after garlanding the statue of Nehru on the Vidhana Soudha premises here on Friday on the occasion of Nehru's birth anniversary, the Chief Minister said, "The BJP had no role in the freedom struggle. The only aim of the BJP is to criticise Nehru and Gandhiji, who struggled for independence. They have made it their occupation to criticise the two and make unfounded allegations against them."

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah paying tribute to India's first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on his birth anniversary, in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Earlier, speaking at the Children's Day celebrations and State-level Parents-Teachers convention, organised by the Department of Education and Literacy, Mr. Siddaramaiah said that those who sided with the British during the freedom struggle are the ones who are criticising Nehru and Gandhiji.

"Parents and children should understand the contribution of Nehru to freedom struggle and to science, irrigation, technology and agriculture sector, among others."

The Chief Minister said that the country's future will be decided by the children who develop rationality and scientific temper. "Children should stay away from superstition and blind belief from their primary school education. Caste-based discrimination should be shunned. Everyone should practice tolerance and co-existence to ensure unity in diversity that is enshrined in the Constitution," he added.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that the first Prime Minister believed that children formed the basis of modern India, and that he gave impetus to education that inculcated scientific temper among children.

"Our government has allocated ₹65,000 crore to the education sector. All children who were felicitated today belong to poor families. Education does not belong to any one. Even I became Chief Minister after having studied in a government school," the Chief Minister added.

IIMB ranked first at convention

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BENGALURU

Indian Institute of Management, Bangalore (IIMB) has been ranked first in India and Central Asia at the 18th Eduniversal World Convention held at IIM Indore from November 10 to 13. The institute received the 5 Palmes Emeritus distinction, which is given to business schools that have stayed in the top 5 Palmes of Excellence League for more than 10 years.

Gold trophy

IIMB also received the gold trophy for placing first in the Central Asia region, supported by a Dean's Recommendation rate of 341%. It is one of two Indian business schools with the 5 Palmes Emeritus status and one of three to receive the 5 Palmes of Excellence in the country.

Madhu wants scheme extended to PU students

MIDDAY MEAL

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa said that a request will be made to the Chief Minister for the extension of the midday meal scheme to the students of Government Pre-university (PU) Colleges in the upcoming State Budget.

During an interaction session with the Minister at the State-level Children's Day celebration and Mega Parent-Teacher meeting organised by the Department of School Education and Literacy (DSEL) at the Vidhana Soudha on Friday, Rakesh, a student of Government PU College in Bailhongal, Belagavi district, said: "We all are from rural areas. As the college starts at 10 a.m. and ends at 4 p.m., we have to leave home at 7.45 a.m." He requested for extension of the midday meals to students of PU colleges as well.

School Education and Literacy Minister Madhu Bangarappa interacting with the students during the State-level Children's Day celebration at Vidhana Soudha on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Responding to the student's appeal, the Minister said, "After our government came to power, with the help of Azim Premji Foundation, eggs and bananas are being provided to all students from class 1 to 10 for 6 days in a week. In addition, Sai Sure mixture is being provided for five days. Preparations have been made to implement midday meals for PU students in Karnataka Public Schools (KPS) from next academic year".

"The Chief Minister will be requested to extend the midday meals scheme to students of the remaining Government PU colleges. More financial assistance is needed for this. An announcement in this regard will be requested in the State Budget," he added.

During the session, students from various parts of Karnataka asked about extra-curricular activities, job opportunities and free bus passes, among others and others. Lokesh P.T., a high school student from Puttegowdana Hundi, Mysuru district, requested that free travel facility in KSRTC buses be provided to boys as it is to girls.

Mr. Bangarappa said, "There is a demand from all students regarding free travel facility in KSRTC buses. This matter will be discussed with the Chief Minister. All students are being given bus passes at a discounted rate, which should be utilised properly".

He said that free buses will be arranged from next year to bring students to KPS.

When Brundashree, a student of a government high school in Shivamogga district, asked about bilingual education, the Minister said that even though there is a bilingual medium, Kannada should always be given priority and should be embraced with love.

The Minister also commented on free hostel facilities for students. He also assured that steps will be taken to provide free coaching for competitive exams to students of Arts and Commerce streams.

Teaching a child in a multilingual and multi-dialectal culture

GUEST COLUMN

Basavaraja Kodagunti

In multilingual and multi-dialectal Karnataka, the gap between the language of the classroom and the language of the home continues to hold children back. Spoken varieties of Kannada differ sharply from what is called "Standard Kannada" used in textbooks.

For most children, the moment they enter school, they step from one world into another, from the familiar rhythm of home speech into the unfamiliar realm of "Standard Kannada", a form that belongs to no one in particular.

For centuries, communities across Karnataka have lived and breathed Kannada in diverse forms. Yet, the Kannada of the textbooks that is Standard Kannada often treats these living dialects as strangers, keeping them outside the walls. To children, parents, and even teachers, this standardised variety often feels alien, yet they are expected to model it as the norm. The system insists that children learn this unfamiliar form, though it offers no real bridge to help them to cross from their mother tongue to the language of schooling.

Known to unknown

Education, as a process, should lead learners from the known to the unknown. When both the language and the content of education are unfamiliar, learning becomes a struggle.

For most children, the moment they enter school, they step from one world into another. FILE PHOTO

> The child's Kannada and the school's Kannada are not opposing worlds. They are two sides of the same linguistic reality

Children's own languages, dialects, varieties that they hear, speak, and think in remain excluded from the classroom. Consequently, the world they know at home and the world presented in textbooks stand apart, without connection.

This disjunction not only affects learning but also the child's confidence and emotional well-being.

UNESCO and the NEP emphasise the importance of mother tongue education; linguists, educationist have proved this by various research works.

However, in practice, the gap between language policy and classroom reality remains vast. The educational failure can be traced directly to this linguistic mismatch.

Constellation of dialects

Kannada is not one language but a constellation of dialects. There are several dialects, which can be classified into three-four groups, each shaped by unique histories of minimum of a thousand years and varied social nature. These dialects differ not only from "Standard Kannada" but also among themselves. For children who grow up immersed in these speech forms, school Kannada feels foreign, distant, and at times, intimidated.

Many lose interest in learning altogether, and some eventually will be pushed out, who unfortunately called as dropout, by the system that fails to recognise their linguistic identity. This situation demands urgent attention. Education in any community must begin with an understanding of that community, encourage the use of mother tongues, and regional dialects in the primary stages, train and appoint teachers who are familiar with local varieties and who can focus on language transition and child psychology and develop bridge courses that help children move gradually from their dialects to "Standard Kannada" or English.

Not opposite worlds

The child's Kannada and the school's Kannada are not opposing worlds. They are two sides of the same linguistic reality.

A thoughtful, empathetic education system must connect them through a bridge built of understanding, respect, and sound linguistic planning. Only then every child can truly access education as it is her/his fundamental right, not as an ordeal, and grow into a confident speaker, learner, and citizen.

(The author is Professor of Kannada, Central University of Karnataka, Kalaburagi)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of my client, **Mr.Shashidhar.C.D and Smt.N.Manjula,** to bring to the notice of the general public that the following original documents pertaining to land bearing Sy.No.404/9 (old Sy.No.404) measuring **10 Guntas,** situated at **Devenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Devanahalli Taluk,** have been lost/misplaced on or about 01.10.2025, despite best efforts to trace them:

a) Original Sale Deed dated 15.04.2008 registered as document No.DNH-1-00199-2008-09.

b) Original Sale Deed dated 04.04.2005 registered as document No.DNH-1-00046/2005-06.

Any person or entity having any claim, objection, or interest in the above-mentioned document is hereby requested to notify the undersigned in writing within **15 (fifteen) days** from the date of publication of this notice. If no objections are received within the stipulated period, it shall be presumed that no such claims exist, and my client shall proceed to apply for a certified copy of the said document and take further legal steps as necessary.

K. V. Narendra & Associates,
Advocates and Legal Consultants,
No.557, 2nd Floor, 9th A Main,
Indiranagar, Bangalore - 560038.
Ph: 8660848942 / 9945109229.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client **Mrs. KALAVATHI** Wife of Mr.Govinda Swamy is intending to purchase the Schedule property from **Mrs. MEENA C. WADHWA,** Wife of Sri. Chandru. K. Wadhva the same being acquired vide, Sale Deed dated 29/10/2014 regd as Doc No.VJN-1-02932-2014-15, CD No.VJND116 in Book-1, in the Office of Sub-Registrar Rajajinagara (Vijayanagara) Bangalore, and it is noticed that the registered Consent deed dt 11.02.2014 doc No.NGB-1-10167/2013-14 regd in the Office of Sub-Registrar Rajajinagara (Nagarabhavi) Bangalore is missing or misplaced.

If any person / firm / institution / company having any claim or right in respect of the Schedule Property or holding the afore mentioned document is hereby required to intimate in writing to the undersigned within **Seven (07) days** from the date of publication of this notice of his/her/their share or claim, if any, with all supporting documents failing which the transaction shall be completed without reference to such claim and the claims, if any, of such person shall be treated as waived and not binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Northern Portion of House Property bearing **No.24A (Old No.24),** bearing Assessment No.44 in 'H' Block, situated at **7th Cross, Shivananda Nagar, Nagarbhavi Village, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore,** EPID No.9123812016 & Property No.94, measuring ExW **40 feet** and NxS **15 feet,** totally **600 sq.ft.,** together with RCC roofed building thereon and bounded by: **East : Road, West : Property belongs to Mr.Shivakumar, North : Site No.25, South : Southern portion of Property No.24 belongs to Smt.H.Nagarathna.**

Shivakumar, Advocate
M/s. RASHI LEGAL
No.B2-1250/51, Manu Teja Towers, A Dasarahalli Magadi Main Road, Bangalore (North) -560079
M-9538178060, 9845573385
Place: Bengaluru Dated: 14th November 2025

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY
Tender Notice No.09 MYS 2025
Dated : 05-11-2025
The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, invites E-Tenders for the following items.

Name of the Work	Approx. Value
Supply & Installation of Oil Fired Steam Boiler Capacity 2000 kg. Tender No. L9256075.	Rs. 98,74,000/-

Last date for submission of bids:
Upto 10:30 Hrs on 03-12-2025
For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in
Keep visiting the website for any corrigendum till closing date
Senior Divisional Materials Manager/ Mysuru
PUB/635/AAS/PRB/SWR/2025-26
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NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY
ई–निविदा आमंत्रण सूचना
पत्र सं-WB-74-W-O/Works/NIT/X दिनांक: 11.11.2025 मंडल रेल प्रबन्धक, इंजीनियरिंग, उत्तर पश्चिम रेलवे, जोधपुर द्वारा भारत के राष्ट्रपति के लिये एवं उनकी ओर से ई–निविदा के माध्यम से प्रचलित नियमो के अन्तर्गत निर्धारित प्रपत्रो में निविदा निम्न कार्यो के लिए क्रमानुसार आमंत्रित की जाती है– **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2025–26** : 134of2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Improvement & up gradation of health unit at various health units of Jodhpur Division (MTD & DNA Health Units). **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 43,80,105.67 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 87,600.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2025–26** : 135OF2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Provision of new TMC siding including Linking of track, extension of track machine sidings, & other ancillary work at various stations ie. Asarnada, Banar, Luni, Rohat, Palimarwar, Mandor, Marwar Mathaniya, Tivari, Haralaya, Marwar Lohawat, Marwar Khara, Ashapura Gomat, Odhaniya Chacha , Jetha Chandan, Thaiyat Hamira, & Jaisalmer station for new TMC sidings in the Jurisdiction of DEN/Cent. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 9,94,72,163.50 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 6,47,400.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2025–26** : 136of2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Civil work in connection with Provision of 02 Nos Elevators (Lifts) at Ramdeora & Phalodi station i/c with ABSS in the Jurisdiction of Aden/JSM of Jodhpur Division. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 65,76,565.74 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 1,31,500.00 **ई–निविदा सूचना सं. 2025–26** : 138of2025-26 **कार्य का नाम व स्थान** : Construction of Community Hall including sports facilities and staff amenities at Merta Road & Degana over Jodhpur Division. **अनुमानित लागत रूपये** : 2,39,48,906.74 **बयाने की राशि रूपये** : 2,69,800.00 निविदा सूचना संख्या 134of2025-26 (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 05/12/2025 को 15.00 बजे), 135OF2025-26 (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 01/12/2025 को 15.00 बजे), 136of2025-26 (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 02/12/2025 को 15.00 बजे), 138of2025-26 (निविदा प्रस्तुत करने की तिथि 04/12/2025 को 15.00 बजे) तक है। वेबसाईट का विवरण जहाँ पर ई–निविदा देखी व भरी जा सकती है **www.ireps.gov.in**
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BEFORE THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNBAL - II AT BENGALURU
New Premises at 4th Floor, Telephone House Building, Rajbhavan Road, Bengaluru - 560001.
ORIGINAL APPLICATION NO. 1282/2022
Between :
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK ... Applicant
And
Mrs. Ambika
Prop. of M/s. H.M. Ventures ... Defendants
SUMMONS / NOTICE TO DEFENDANT UNDER RULE 23 (VIII) OF DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL (PROCEDURE) RULE 1993 BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION

To,
1. Mrs. Ambika
Prop. M/s. H.M. Ventures
Having Address at : No. 1811, 1st Floor, 50 Feet Road, ICICI Bank, Kumar Swamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560078.
(PAN : ALUPA7166F)
... Defendants

Whereas, the Applicant has instituted an Application / Interlocutory application under Section 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institution Act, 1993 against the defendants for recovery of a sum of **Rs. 51,40,385.41 only** with Current and future interest, cost and other reliefs. You are hereby required to show cause within 30 days from the date of publication of the Summons on or before 04-12-2025 **at 10.30 a.m.** in the forenoon in person or by a Pleader / Advocate duly instructed as to why the relief prayed for should not be granted.

Take notice that in case of default, the application interlocutory application will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of Tribunal, this 28-10-2025.
Signature of the Officer
(Authorised to Issue Summons)
Debts Recovery Tribunal - II
Bengaluru.

COMMISSIONER & DIRECTORATE OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, Municipal Administration Department, Govt. of Telangana
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF URBAN MANAGEMENT

Tender Notice
File No. 011/TPMU-CITIES2.0/CDMA/NIUM/2025 **Date. 14.11.2025**
NIUM,Hyd. on behalf of CDMA-TG, is inviting tenders for engaging an agency "The Setting Up a Transformation and Programme Management Unit for CITIIS 2.0 in Telangana". Tender is being floated on the TG e-procurement site. **Tender id-643695**. Tender opens from **14.11.2025** and last date for bid submission is **10.12.2025 at 3:00 PM.**

Further details can be viewed it under www.nium.org.in and https://tender.telangana.gov.in

DIPR R.O.No.841-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:14.11.2025
Sd/-ED, NIUM

ಕೆನರಾ ಬ್ಯಾಂಕ್ Canara Bank
(A Government of India Undertaking)
Fifthez Syndicate

MYSORE BANK CIRCLE BRANCH :BWSSB ROAD, RAJDOOTH COMPLEX, MYSORE BANK CIRCLE, PO Bangalore City S.O Bengaluru-560002
email: cb10446@canarabank.com

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER / GUARANTOR / MORTGAGOR

Notice issued under Section 13(2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

To,
Borrower : 1. MR VENKATAKRISHNA S/O SRI VENKATASWAMY
NO 1020, 10TH MAIN ROAD ,WOC ROAD, NEAR SHANKARMUTT MAHALAKSHMIPURAM ,MAHALAKSHMIPURAM LAYOUT Bangalore North BENGALURU, KARNATAKA 560086
Also Resided at : No. 1542, 9th Main A Block ,Subramanya Nagar , Rajajinagar 2nd Stage ,Bangalore North ,BENGALURU ,KARNATAKA 560010
2. MRS. PRASHANTHI (Co-borrower in OSL-SYNDMORTGAGE-MCLR)
WO VENKATAKRISHNA NO 1542
9TH MAIN A BLOCK SUBRAMANYANAGAR , RAJAJINAGAR II STAGE , Bangalore North ,BENGALURU KARNATAKA 560010

The undersigned being the Authorized Officer of **Canara Bank, Mysore Bank Circle branch** (hereinafter referred to as "the secured creditor"), appointed under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002, (hereinafter referred as the "Act") do hereby informs that do hereby issue this notice to you as under:

That **Mr Venkatakrishna & Mrs. Prashanthi** (hereinafter referred to as "the Borrower") has availed credit facility / facilities stated in the Schedule A hereunder and have entered into the security agreement/s in favour of the secured creditor. While availing the said financial assistance, you have expressly undertaken to repay the loan amount/s in accordance with the terms and conditions of the above mentioned agreements.

You (The person mentioned in **schedule B)** have also entered in to agreements against the secured assets which are detailed in Schedule B hereunder.

However, from **01.08.2025**, the operation and conduct of the said financial assistance / credit

facilities have become irregular. The books of account maintained by the secured creditor shows that the liability of the Borrower towards the secured creditor as on date amounts to **Rs. 57,09,680.50 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Paise Fifty Only),** the details of which together with future interest rate are stated in **Schedule C** hereunder. It is further stated that the Borrower/Guarantor having failed to keep up with the terms of the above said agreement in clearing the dues of the secured creditor within the time given and have been evasive in settling the dues. The operation and conduct of the above said financial assistance / credit facility/ies having come to a standstill and as a consequence of the default committed in repayment of principal debt/ instalment and interest thereon, the secured creditor was constrained to classify the debt as **Non-Performing Asset (NPA)** as on **29.10.2025** in accordance with the directives/guidelines relating to asset classification issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

The secured creditor through this notice brings to your attention that the Borrower has failed and neglected to repay the said dues/ outstanding liabilities and hence hereby demand you under Section 13(2) of the Act, by issuing this notice to discharge in full the liabilities of the Borrower as stated in **Schedule C** hereunder to the secured creditor within 60 days from the date of receipt of this notice. Further, it is brought to your notice that you are also liable to pay future interest at the rate stated in Schedule C hereunder (Including penal interest) per annum, together with all costs, charges, expenses and incidental expenses with respect to the proceedings undertaken by the secured creditor in recovering its dues.

Please take note of the fact that if you fail to repay to the secured creditor the aforesaid sum of **Rs. 57,09,680.50 (Rupees Fifty Seven Lakhs Nine Thousand Six Hundred Eighty and Paise Fifty Only),** together with further interest and incidental expenses and costs as stated above in terms of this notice under Section 13(2) of the Act, the secured creditor will exercise all or any of the rights detailed under sub-section (4)(a) and (b) of Section 13, the extract of which is given here below to convey the seriousness of this issue:

13(4)- In case the Borrower/Co-Borrower fails to discharge liability in full within the period specified in sub-section (2), the secured creditor may take recourse to one or more of the following measures to recover his secured debt, namely;

(a) Take possession of the secured assets of the Borrower/Co-Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset;

(b) Take over the management of the business of the Borrower including the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale for realizing the secured asset:

Provided that the right to transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale shall be exercised only where the substantial part of the business of the Borrower is held as security for the debt;

Provided further that where the management of whole of the business or part of the business is severable, the secured creditor shall take over the management of such business of the borrower which is relatable to the security for the debt; and under other applicable provisions of the said Act.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

You are also put on notice that in terms of section 13(13) the Borrower/Co-Borrower shall not transfer by way of sale, lease or otherwise the said secured assets detailed in Schedule B hereunder without obtaining written consent of the secured creditor. It is further brought to your notice that any contravention of this statutory injunction/ restraint, as provided under the said Act, is an offence and if for any reason, the secured assets are sold or leased out in the ordinary course of business, the sale proceeds or income realized shall be deposited with the secured creditor. In this regard you shall have to render proper accounts of such realization / income.

This notice of Demand is without prejudice to and shall not be construed as waiver of any other rights or remedies which the secured creditor may have including further demands for the sums found due and payable by you.

This is without prejudice to any other rights available to the secured creditor under the Act and/or any other law in force.

Please comply with the demand under this notice and avoid all unpleasantness. In case of Non- compliance, further needful action will be resorted to, holding you liable for all costs and consequence.

Your attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

SCHEDULE –A
[Details of the credit facility/ies availed by the Borrower]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Date of sanction	Amount
1	04467740000785	OSL-SYNDNIVAS NEW CONSTRUCTION -BR	29.03.2014	Rs. 40,00,000.00
2	04469830000166	OSL-SYND MORTGAGE-MCLR	25.06.2019	Rs. 18,50,000.00

SCHEDULE –B
Details of Security Assets : Immovable :
Schedule –A: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing SOUTHERN PORTION of Site No.9, New BBMP Katha No.22/82/200/9, Old of Sy. No.14, duly converted for Non-Agricultural residential purposes, vide No. B.D S. A L N. S R (S) /261/2003-04, dated 27/10/2003, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at THIPPASANDRA VILLAGE, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk. Measuring East to West 40 feet, North to South 20 feet Totally measuring 800 Sqft. and bounded on the: **East by :** Property No.10 , **West by:** Road , **North by:** Remaining Portion of Same Property & **South by:** Property No.14.
Name of Title Holder : Mr. Venkata Krishna

SCHEDULE – C
[Details of liability as on 30.10.2025]

S No.	Loan No.	Nature of Loan	Liability With Interest	Rate Of Interest (Inclusive Penal Interest)
1	04467740000785	OSL-SYNDNIVAS NEW CONSTRUCTION -BR	Rs. 42,65,700.35	10.25%
2	04469830000166	OSL-SYND MORTGAGE-MCLR	Rs. 14,43,980.15	13.65%

Place : Bangalore
Date : 14.11.2025
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

Despite fare revision, many autos continue to operate without recalibrated meters

The minimum fare from August 1 was increased to ₹36 from ₹30 for the first 2 km, while the per km charge rose to ₹18 from ₹15

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Nearly four months after Bengaluru revised autorickshaw fares, a large majority of drivers in the city continue to operate without updating their meters, leaving commuters frustrated and questioning the purpose of the hike.

The revised fares, which came into effect on August 1, increased the minimum fare from ₹30 to ₹36 for the first 2 km, while the per km charge rose from ₹15 to ₹18.

The Transport Department granted drivers time until October 31 to recalibrate their meters in line with the new tariff structure. However, the deadline has passed with little visible compliance on the ground.

Commuters say finding an autorickshaw that runs on a properly calibrated meter is rare. Many point out that even before the fare revision, drivers frequently refused to operate by the meter while demanding higher minimum fares. Now, despite the official increase, the situation has remained unchanged.

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Commuters woes

"We hardly come across autos that agree to run by the meter anymore. This has been the trend for years. Drivers were constantly asking for a hike, and even after the government increased the fare, most still keep the meters switched off," said Prakash M., a senior citizen from Jayanagar.

"Sometimes, we don't mind paying ₹20 or ₹30 more than the meter reading. But they often ask for double or triple the actual fare or refuse to use the meter completely," he added.

Regular commuters say that aggregator platforms have become their primary option, but availability during peak hours forces them back to street-hailed autos, where they face inflated demands.

Ramya K., a frequent auto commuter from Banashankari, said, "I almost always use aggregator apps because they are convenient and offer doorstep pickup. But during peak traffic or when no autos are available online, I try stopping one on the road. Most quote exorbitant fares. When we ask them to follow the revised meter rates, they are least bothered. It seems both the police and the Transport Department have failed to curb these illegal operations."

Low compliance

Several autorickshaw drivers *The Hindu* spoke to admitted that compliance remains low. Many say they rely heavily on aggregator platforms for business and therefore feel no need to update or use their physical meters.

According to Ravi, an auto driver from BTM Layout, "Most of us depend on app-based rides now. The apps bring customers directly to us, so meters are not really required. If someone wants a ride without the app, we tell them the fare upfront. That's why many drivers have stopped using meters altogether."

Another driver from Hebbal, who requested anonymity, said, "I didn't get my meter recalibrated because apps are more reliable, and the earnings are better. Also, we don't have to argue with passengers. Yes, the police will fine us if they catch us, so we just switch on the meter only when we see them."

Strict enforcement

The Transport Department officials maintained that enforcement will be intensified in the coming days.

"We will ensure there is no misuse. Drivers who fail to recalibrate their meters will face action. More inspectors from the Legal Metrology Department will be deployed to speed up verification and compliance," official said.

Bengaluru has 360,899 registered autorickshaws as of May 2025, according to the State Transport Department. However, this number reflects total registrations, not the actual fleet in operation. A significant share of autos remain off the road owing to factors such as mechanical problems or the lack of available drivers, say officials.

Dataset and advanced vision models for Indian urban traffic released

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The AI for Integrated Mobility (AIM@IISc) initiative at the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) has announced the public release of UVH-26, a large-scale traffic image dataset along with a suite of fine-tuned object detection models tailored for Indian urban traffic conditions.

UVH-26 contains 26,646 high-resolution traffic images sourced from Bengaluru's Safe City project and features 1.8 million bounding-box annotations across 14 India-specific vehicle classes, including two-wheelers, autorickshaws, light commercial vehicles, and buses.

According to a release, the dataset was curated through a nationwide Urban Vision Hackathon that involved more than 560 student volunteers, who contributed to a large crowdsourced annotation effort. High-quality consensus ground truth was generated using Majority Voting and STAPLE algorithms. The dataset and models have been made available on HuggingFace under open-source licences. Since their release on November 5, 2025, the UVH-26 resources have already recorded more than 1,500 downloads and are currently ranked as the top trending object detection models on the platform, indicating strong global interest in mobility-focused AI research from the Global South, said the release.

AIM@IISc has invited researchers, developers, students, and policymakers to explore and build upon UVH-26 to advance AI-enabled transportation solutions in emerging economies. The initiative focuses on the use of AI, data-driven methods, and digital twin platforms to tackle mobility challenges such as congestion, safety, and urban planning.

The release was made possible with support from the Bengaluru City Police and Bengaluru Traffic Police, who provided access to imagery from the Safe City project. Additional support came from IISc's ARTPARK, the Kotak IISc AI-ML Centre, Capital One, and outreach partners including ACM India Council and IEEE India Council.

City gears up for cleanliness drives

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

East and Central Corporations are set to launch large-scale cleanliness drives across the city on Saturday to improve urban hygiene, road aesthetics, and public health.

Schedule

The East Corporation will conduct an intensive mass cleanliness drive from 6 a.m. to 10 a.m., covering a 20-km stretch along T.C. Palya Road and Varthur-Kadugodi Road.

Meanwhile, the Central Corporation will organise a cleanliness drive starting 5.30 a.m., covering 14.7 km across major roads in Shantinagar, C.V. Raman Nagar, Shivajinagar, Gandhinagar, Chickpet, and Chamarajpet.

Shaw, Pai praise DKS for 'rescuing the city'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In a brick-to-bouquet move, Biocon chief Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw has showered praises on Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar, terming his leadership key in "rescuing Bengaluru from collapsing under the weight of garbage, debris and potholes."

"We are finally seeing visible change in cleaner foot paths n asphalted roads across the city. @DKShivakumar your leadership has been key in rescuing our city from collapsing under the weight of garbage debris n pot holes. Please continue to drive this important development. Credit is also due to @GBAChiefComm. Let's build a worldclass city through collective civic responsibility @BPAofficial," she wrote on her X handle.

Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw

T.V. Mohandas Pai

A day earlier, Industrialist Mohandas Pai thanked Mr. Shivakumar, Minister of Bengaluru Development, for his "leadership and drive."

Quoting a post by the Minister who claimed to have finished white topping work on 39 key roads, he wrote on X, "Thank you DCM @DKShivakumar for your leadership and drive in getting this done. Look forward to make Bengaluru a truly global city with great mobility and ease of life for all citizens."

The turnaround by the corporate leaders comes close on the heels of the GBA Chief Commissioner M. Maheshwar Rao claiming to have completed the filling of 18,000 potholes and after a prolonged war of words that started with an X post by Ms. Shaw criticising the city's infrastructural issues.

Mr. Shivakumar who initially took a conciliatory tone, however, later criticised Ms. Shaw for 'tarnishing the image of the State and the country' by such social media posts.

In what seemed like a show of white flag, Ms. Shaw visited the Minister on the day of Deepavali, where, according to Mr. Shivakumar, 'they had an engaging discussion on Bengaluru's growth, innovation, and the path ahead for Karnataka's growth story."

The meeting

Mr. Shivakumar held a meeting with both Mr. Pai and Ms. Shaw after Deepavali, joined by Mr. Rao and other GBA officials. After the meeting, Mr. Shivakumar had said, "Entrepreneurs are our brothers and sisters."

However, he added that they (entrepreneurs) should not "tarnish" the image of Bengaluru. "I have told them that their criticism will make international news. They have given good suggestions for Bengaluru," he said.

Mr. Shivakumar also noted that the they had included entrepreneurs in advisory committees.

Swiggy moves headquarters to Whitefield from ORR for 'better connectivity, bigger space'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Online food and grocery delivery platform Swiggy will reportedly move from Bellandur to Whitefield in a few months.

According to insider sources, the company, which has been housed in Embassy Tech Village, will move to the new location as the contract in the current location has expired, and Whitefield was a preferred location due to metro connectivity.

"Our contract has come to an end. The new office has metro station right next door to it. So, it is going to be more convenient for employees. There is a lot more happening in Whitefield also socially; So, it was a preferred location shared by employees as well," said the source.

The company refused to make official statements regarding the development.

Turning heads

The news of Swiggy's move, which has been in Bellandur for six years, was quick to raise eyebrows as the development comes close on the heels of Blackbuck CEO Rajesh Kumar Yabaji announcing that the company would be moving out of ORR due to poor infrastructure.

"ORR (Bellandur) has been our 'office + home' for nine years, but it was getting very hard to continue. We have decided to move out. Average commute for my colleagues shot up to 1.5 plus hours one way. Roads are full of potholes and dust, coupled with the lowest intent to get them rectified. Don't see any of this changing in the next five years," Mr. Yabaji had written on X.

However, sources at the Swiggy stressed that the online aggregator is making the move as it is in need of a bigger space and not due to infrastructural woes.

"We are moving to a bigger space with better connectivity," they said.

The company, which was initially headquartered in Koramangala, currently has a total workforce of 7,431 (as of March 31, 2025), according to its latest annual report.

Sugarcane farmers end strike

Centre has to answer: CM

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI

Following a meeting in Bagalkot on Friday with factory managements and district in-charge Minister R.B. Thimmapur, sugarcane farmers ended their two-week-long strike for higher prices in Mudhol.

This comes a day after an incident of sabotage where several tractor trolleys were set on fire in front of the Godavari Biorefineries sugar factory in Sameerwadi of Bagalkot district.

Farmers dropped their demand for ₹3,500 per tonne of sugarcane and agreed to settle for the government-fixed price of ₹3,300 per tonne, to be paid in three instalments. They, however, demanded that the factories settle old dues of around ₹20 crore, to sugarcane growers in four days.

'Settle bills'

They also demanded that all bills be settled in two weeks from procurement.

Mr. Thimmapur announced in Bagalkot on Friday that the meeting was successful and that the agitation has been withdrawn.

The protest continued as several rounds of meetings held by Mr. Thimmapur, Deputy Commissioner Sangappa and others failed.

Damage

On Thursday, as per initial estimates, 100 loads of sugarcane crop, 20 tractor trolleys and four tractors suffered damage.

Farmers leaders thanked the Minister and the police for their cooperation during the protest in Mudhol.

They apologized to Additional Superintendent of Police Mahanteshwar Jiddi who suffered injuries during the protest and has been admitted to hospital for treatment.

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Supporting the demand of protesting Sugarcane farmers to increase Fair and Remuneration Price (FRP) for cane as "fair", Mr. Siddaramaiah said, "The Centre has fixed the FRP at ₹3,550 per tonne for a recovery rate of 10.25 %, which includes cutting and transportation cost. The cutting and transportation cost is about ₹800 to ₹900 per tonne. What is left with the farmers is about ₹2,750 per tonne."

Questioning the silence of BJP over the issue, the Chief Minister took a dig at Union Minister Pralhad Joshi who has written to the State to protect farmers interest.

"The Centre fixes the MSP and FRP, ethanol allocation and export permit. Though we do not have any responsibility in the issue, they ask us to settle the problem. Though there is a demand to increase sugar price from current ₹31 per kg to ₹41 per kg, the price has not been revised for several years," he said.

'Centre stalling State's irrigation projects, no clearances despite favourable judgments'

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar has expressed disappointment over the Centre not giving necessary approvals to the Krishna, the Mahadayi, and other irrigation projects despite court orders being in favour of Karnataka, thereby stalling them.

Speaking at the launch of his book *Neera Hejje*, which focuses on various facets of Karnataka's water resources and related issues, he said: "The Centre has not issued a Gazette notification on sharing the Krishna waters. Maharashtra which agreed to the judgment is opposing it today. The Mahadayi project is facing objections from the Forest Department in spite of the Supreme Court clearance."

Mr. Shivakumar said five of the 10 inter-State river water disputes were connected to Karnataka, adding that there has been no help despite meeting the Union Water Resources Minister five times. Karnataka is planning to set up a separate Water Commission in the State to study drinking water and irrigation projects, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah releasing the book *Neerina Hejje* authored by Deputy Chief Minister Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

He added that BJP MPs from Karnataka have failed to raise the issue in Parliament.

Speaking on the occasion in a similar tenor, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah accused the NDA partners, the BJP and the JD(S), of not raising water or financial matters pertaining to Karnataka with the Centre.

He further said Karnataka is not sure what the Cauvery River Management Authority (CRMA) will do next over the permission for the Mekedatu balancing reservoir.

"The Mekedatu project can be implemented only after the permission is given. Tamil Nadu is opposing the project for political reasons and not based on facts. In fact, during the rainfall deficit years, it is Tamil Nadu that benefits from the project," the Chief Minister said.

"After the Supreme Court dismissed the petition against the project, we are not sure what CRMA will do. In all inter-State water disputes, Karnataka has not benefited completely," he added.

Big tracts of dry land

Stressing on the importance of completing irrigation projects, he said that Karnataka has the second largest dry land area after Rajasthan.

"While the total yield of water from rivers in Karnataka is about 3,440 tmcft, the allocated share to be used is 1,272 tmcft. We have to utilise our allocated share. But when we try to use it, there are disputes."

The BJP and the JD(S), he said, do not speak for Karnataka at all. "What has the BJP, which accuses us, done? The BJP MPs do not raise water issues in Parliament. The JD(S), which speaks about rivers, has not raised the river and finance issues too. People need to know this."

NALSAR UNIVERSITY OF LAW
(A University of Law Established by Act No. 34 of 1998 of Government of Telangana)
JUSTICE CITY, SHAMEERPET, MEDCHAL DISTRICT – 500101

NOTICE FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR TRANSLATION AND TRANSCRIPTION SERVICES

NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad Invites Expression of Interest (EOI) for translating and transcribing from various regional languages to English from suitable/experienced translators/ firms/ agencies. The pre-qualification criteria and other details are available in the EOI document on the website **https://nalsar.ac.in/announcements** EOI in prescribed format supported by requisite documents must reach the Registrar, NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad latest by 15th December 2025.

Sd/-Professor N. Vasanthi
Registrar I/C

DIPR R.O.No.840-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2025-26 Dt:14.11.2025

IIT DHARWAD

Expression of Interest (EoI)

Ref Number: IITDH/C&S/2025-26/EOI-MS/01

IIT Dharwad invites Expressions of Interest (EoI) from eligible hospitals to provide medical services at the Wellness Centre in its Permanent Campus. The EoI and related details are available on the Institute website and the Government e-Publishing System. Quotations must be sent via courier/speed post in a sealed envelope and the same must be reach to the address below, on or before 24/11/2025, 5:30 PM.

To:
The Assistant Registrar, Contracts and Services
IIT Dharwad, Permanent Campus, Chikkamalligawad,
Dharwad – 580011, Karnataka.

STATE ELECTION COMMISSION, KARNATAKA
No. 16, 2nd and 3rd floor, Ballari Road, Sadashiva Nagara,
Bengaluru-560080. Tele No: 080-22205189/ 193,
Email: sec.karnataka@ka.gov.in / karsec@gmail.com

No.: SECK/ADMN/ETND/3/2025-ADMN Date: 14.11.2025

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal Only)

An e-tender has been invited through the KPP portal (Tender No.KSEC/2025-26/SE0003) for providing Manpower Services to the office of the Karnataka State Election Commission. The tender can be submitted through the e-portal by **Dated: 21.11.2025 time 5:30 pm.** Details related to the tender can be obtained from the Karnataka Public Procurement Portal **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** or the above office can be contacted during office hours.

Sd/-
Section Officer,
State Election Commission, Karnataka.

DIPR/CP/JA/3807/2025-26

BMCRI SUPER SPECIALITY HOSPITAL (PMSSY)
Victoria Hospital Campus, K.R. Road, Bengaluru - 560002.
Phone / Fax: 080 - 26705883
E-mail: pmssysshospital@gmail.com, Website: www.bmcrissh.karnataka.gov.in

Date: 14-11-2025

E-TENDER NOTICE

E-Tender are invited through e-Procurement Portal for Tender Document for **Various Service** below notifications to **BMCRI Super Speciality Hospital, Bengaluru.**

Sl. No.	Tender Notification No.	Details
1	BMCRI/SSH/SUP/ TEND/03/2024-25/ CALL-2	Re-Tender for Providing Catering Services (Diet Prepared Food) to In-Patient & Running Canteen Service
2	BMCRI/SSH/SUP/ TEND/08/2025-26	Operation and Maintenance of Medical Gas Equipment, Pipeline for Internal Supply of Medical Gases and Other Allied Works
3	BMCRI/SSH/SUP/ TEND/09/2025-26	Bio Medical Waste Management Service

Schedule: ➢ Commencement date for Uploading of Tenders: **for Sl.No. 1 to 3 is 14-11-2025.** ➢ Tender Pre-Bid Meeting: **for Sl.No. 1 is 26-11-2025.** ➢ Last Date for Uploading the Tenders: **for Sl.No. 1 is 16-12-2025 and Sl.No. 2 & 3 is 28-11-2025.** ➢ Date of Opening of Tender Technical Bid: **for Sl.No. 1 is 17-12-2025 and Sl.No. 2 & 3 is 29-11-2025.** Tender details can be viewed, downloaded and applied only through the KPPP mode Website: **https://www.kppp.karnataka.gov.in.** For further details contact **Special Officer, BMCRI Super Speciality Hospital, Victoria Hospital Campus, K.R. Road, Bengaluru. Ph: 080-26981928 / 26705883,** E-mail: **pmssysshospital@gmail.com**, Website: **www.bmcrissh.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Special Officer
BMCRI Super Speciality Hospital, Bengaluru.

DIPR/CP/3803/Adverto/2025-26

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION (Through KPP Portal Only)

KPTCL invites bids through e-procurement mode for the following works under **Combined Package:**

No: CEE/Tr(OP)Z/HSN/SEE(O)/AEE-5/F-HNP-LW-02&03/2025-26/9887-90 Date: 14.11.2025

1) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/TL/WORK_INDENT2852 on **Total Turnkey Basis** including supply of all materials/ equipments and erection (including Civil works) of all materials/equipments, testing & commissioning:

a) Erection of **one (01) number intermediate tower of 110kV DB+0, DC AEQUS design in the existing 66kV Udayapura-Attichowdenhally LILO DC line between tower No.05-06 increase ground clearance** pertaining to Operation Division, KPTCL, Holenarsipura.

b) Erection of **one No. of 220KV D/C, DA+3, type intermediate tower (KPTCL-2D-Gadag-Bagalkot Design)** in existing **220kV Gopalapura-Kadavinakote DC line** between location number **34 & 35 (01) span to increasing ground clearance** in TLM Section, Holenarasipura, TLM sub-division, Holenarasipura.

No: CEE/Tr(OP)ZH/SEE(O)/AE-1/TLGP- Brkrs/2025-26/9892-95 Date: 14.11.2025

2) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2980 Combined Package of Work A: Replacement of Five No's Age old/Obsolete M/s CGL make 220kV SF6 Circuit Breaker by new M/s CG power make 220kV SF6 Circuit Breaker at 220/400kV Station, KPTCL, Talaguppa.

Work B: Replacement of Two No's Age old/Obsolete M/s CGL make 220kV SF6 Circuit Breaker by new M/s CG power make 220kV SF6 Circuit Breaker at 220KV Station, KPTCL, Balligavi.

Work C: Providing 110kV Circuit breaker, Metering and protection Equipment's to 110kV Ulavi Incoming line at 110kV station, Soraba coming under 400KV Station & Operation Division, KPTCL, Talaguppa.

No: CEE/Tr(OP)Z/H/SEE(O)/AEE-2/FA-54&A56 /2025-26/9900-01 Date: 14.11.2025

3) Tender No. KPTCL/2025-26/SS/WORK_INDENT2992 on **Partial Turnkey basis a)** Providing additional 1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 110/11kV **McGann Hospital** sub-station in Shivamogga Taluk & District.

b) Providing additional 1X10MVA, 110/11kV Power Transformer at 110/11kV **Gajanur** sub-station in Shivamogga Taluk & District.

Note: 10 MVA PTR and 11kV switchgear will be supplied by KPTCL for above works.

The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry in the E-tendering process can be obtained by logging on to website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink "tenders" on or after For Sl. No. (1 & 2): **15.11.2025** and For Sl. No. (3): **17.11.2025** Other details can be obtained from the office off the undersigned.

Sd/- **Chief Engineer (Elec.), Transmission (Operations) Zone, KPTCL, 3rd Floor, Prasarana Bhavana, Santhepete, B.M. Road, Hassan-573 201.**

Karnataka Power Transmission Corporation Limited
(CIN : U40109KA1999SGC025521)

TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through KPP Portal only)

No. SE(E)/Tr(O)C-N/EE(E)/EE(E)-2/AE(E)F-T6/25-26/1998 Date:14.11.2025

KPTCL invites tender against Tender No: **KPTCL/2025-26/IND0239** for Design, Manufacture, Testing and supply of 06 no's of 66 kV, 40 kA class, SF-6 Circuit Breakers with terminal connector suitable for Aluminium tube/conductor with spring/semi-pneumatic/pneumatic type operating mechanism and mounting structure etc., as per technical specification required for Hebbal Division Coming under the jurisdiction of Transmission (Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL, Bengaluru.

Note: The bid will be received through KPP Portal mode only. The detailed notification regarding subject enquiry and bid documents can be got by logging on to Website: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** on or after **18.11.2025.** Any Additional information shall be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer(Ele.),
Transmission(Operation) Circle-North, KPTCL,
U.A.S. Campus, Hebbal, Bengaluru-560 024.

CTS/REV/SR.No.38/2025

BEFORE THE JOINT DIRECTOR OF LAND RECORDS BELAGAVI, AT: BELAGAVI

PETITIONER : Mohammed Yusuf S/o Alic Kurpalis **V/s**

RESPONDENTS : Anant S/o Narayanrao Teragundi and others

CITATION U/O V RULE 20(2) R/W SEC 151 OF CPC

TO,

RESPONDENT Nos :3. Nagaraj S/o Narayanrao Teragundi, Age:66 Occ: Business, R/o No.82, 3rd Cross, Gangotri Layout, Mysore. **4.** Shrikant S/o Narayanrao Teregundi, Age:61 Occ: Busi, R/o No.2-1-434/ 1/B, Street No.4, Nalkunta, Hyderabad-44 **6.** Smt.Leela @ Usha w/o Madhav S Naik, Age:81,Occ: Household work, R/o 8th cross, Kengari Sub Urban, Bengaluru-60, **13(b):** Varsha @ Elijibeth D/o Suresh Courpalis, Age: Major, Occ: Private Service, R/o Courpalis Compound, Opp: Dist Court, P.B.Road, Dharwad.**14(b):** Sonia D/o Rajesh Courpalis, Age:Major, Occ: Household work, R/o Courpalis compound, Opp: Dist Court, P.B.Road, Dharwad.**16(c):** Vidya D/o Napoleon Kamath, Age: Major Occ: Private work, R/o Kamath Villa, Opp: BSNL office, Savant wadi, Dist: Savant wadi-416510, Maharashtra.**18.** Smt. Roopa W/o Surendra Lad, Age:Major, Occ: Household work, R/o Sector 10, Plot No.2 Navi Mumbai-410209 (Maharashtra) **22.** Smt. Nalini W/o Wilson Nandihal, Age: Major, Occ: Household work, R/o Behind Kamalani Bungalow, P.B.Road, Opp: Dist Court Dharwad.

Whereas, the above named petitioner has preferred the Revision petition before this Hon'ble court against the respondents challenging the order passed by DDLR, Dharwad in CTS/RTS AP 17/2023.

That, the above mentioned case stands posted on 18/11/2025 for your appearance, hence you are hereby directed to appear before this Hon'ble Court on 18/11/2025 at 03.00 PM in person or through Advocate, failing which the matter will be heard and decided ex-parte in your absence.

Given under date and time & seal of Hon'ble Joint Director of Land Records Belagavi.

Belagavi, 04.11.2025 Sd/- Joint Director of Land Records Belagavi

M.M.MALAGI
Advocate for Petitioner

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT,

SMT. K.SUMATHI, Aged about 85 years, W/o. Late. M.Krishnamurthy, Residing No.10, Guhalaya SBI Colony, 7th Main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore- 560034 is the absolute owners of the property described in the Schedule hereunder.

It is brought to the notice of the general public that, our client has negotiated and decided to purchase the Schedule Property from the above said owner. All persons having any claims against or to the Schedule Property or any part thereof by way of inheritance, mortgage, sale, conveyance, MOU, Agreement to Sell, G.P.A, transfer, lease deed, tenancy, license, lien, charge, trust, maintenance, easement, gift, exchange, possession, adverse possession or otherwise howsoever are hereby required to submit the same in writing along with documentary proof to the undersigned at their office **within 15 days from the date of publication hereof,** failing which our client shall proceed without any reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Property bearing the residential Property bearing **Site No. 28 & 29,** now assigned **BBMP PID No. 4495144651, measuring east to west: 80 feet and North to South 60 Feet,** situated in earlier Sy.No.56 of Jakkasandra Village, Koramangala layout, Bangalore (now known as No.10, 7th main, 2nd Cross, 3rd Block, Koramangala, Bangalore South Taluk and bounded on:

East by : Site No. 30;
West by : Site No. 27;
North by: Site No. 34 and 35;
South by: Road.

Dated this 15th day of November 2025 at Bangalore

M/S. LEGAL NEXUS,
ADVOCATES & CONSULTANTS,
No. 428, First Floor, 25th Cross, 24th Main, Sector 2, HSR Layout, Bangalore – 560 102, Phone: 080-65555914, Mob: 9945688974; 9980669393, 6362102374

KARNATAKA URBAN WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
'JAL BHAVAN', No. 6, 1st Stage, 1st Phase, BTM Layout, Bannerghatta Main Road, Bengaluru-560029.
Ph: 080-41106508
email: cekwbbng@gmail.com Website: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in

NOTICE INVITING TENDER (Through KPPP only)

1) No.KWB/TEC/CE(B)/ Gowribidanur–Nagarothana-4/1187/ 2025-26 Dtd: 14.11.2025.

Name of the work: "Dismantling of existing 5.00 LL capacity on 12mtr staging RCC OHT behind old taluk office and Construction of 2 Nos of 5.00 LL capacity on 15mtr staging RCC OHT at Kote area & behind taluk office, linking works in Gowribidanur city under DC works of Nagarothana-4 grants in Lumpsum mode (No variation)". **Indent No. : KUWSDB/2025-26/ WS/WORK_INDENT427/CALL-2.**

2) No.KWB/TEC/CE(B)/Chitradurga DC works/1188/2025-26, Dtd: 14.11.2025.

Name of the work: "Construction of 5.0LL cap OHT on 12mtr staging at IUDP layout and rising and distribution pipeline work under DC works of CMC Chitradurga in Lumpsum mode (No variation) ". **Indent No. : KUWSDB/2025-26/WS/WORK_INDENT426/CALL-2.**

For further details may be obtained through Karnataka Public Procurement Portal website **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- CHIEF ENGINEER (B),
KUWS & D BOARD, Bengaluru

DIPR/CP/YC/3801/2025-26

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ಇ–ಮೇಲ್: midhly@yahoo.co.in ಫೋ.ನಂ: 08284–220113
ನಂ:ಕಾನಿಅ/ಸನೀವಿಹ/ತಾವಿ/ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್/4702/2025–26/1717 ದಿನಾಂಕ: 12/11/2025

ಅಲ್ಪಾವಧಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್) ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1&2

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ಖಾಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ ಫಾರಂಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ ವಿಳಾಸ: **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** ದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **15–11–2025** ರ ನಂತರದಿಂದ ಡೌನಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಕುರಿತಂತೆ ದಿನಾಂಕ: **25–11–2025** ರೊಳಗಾಗಿ ವಿಚಾರಣೆ ಮತ್ತು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟೀಕರಣಗಳಿಗೆ ಕಚೇರಿ ಅಥವಾ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಿ ಪರಿಹರಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರಗಳನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **26–11–2025** ರ ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.15** ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ ಸ್ವೀಕರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ದಿನಾಂಕ: **27–11–2025** ಸಾಯಂಕಾಲ **05.30** ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು. ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ್ನು ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್‌ನ ಅನುಮೋದನೆ ನಂತರ ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಕನಿಷ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹತಾ ಮಾನದಂಡಗಳನ್ನು ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–1&2 ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯುಮೆಂಟ್ ರಲ್ಲಿರುವಂತೆ ಪರಿಗಣಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು ಹಾಗೂ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟನಲ್ಲಿರುವ ವಿವರಗಳೇ ಅಂತಿಮ.

ವಿ.ಸೂ: ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದಂತೆ ಯಾವುದೇ ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿಗಳನ್ನು ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/–, (ಎಂ. ನಾಗರಾಜು)
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DIPR/ADK/KSMCA/707/25-26 Dt.14.11.2025

BANGALORE WATER SUPPLY AND SEWERAGE BOARD

INVITATION FOR TENDER
(only through KPP-Portal)

BWSSB invites Tenders from Registered Contractors for the following works.

Office of the Chief Engineer (East), 6th Floor, Cauvery Bhavan, K. G. Road, Bangalore-560009.

Division	IFT Number	Amount put to Tender / EMD Amount	Last date & time for Submission of Tender	Date & Time for Opening of Tender
(EAST)-1	BWSSB/EE(EAST)-1/ PB/3511/2025-26 Date: 12.11.2025	Rs.74,39,953/- / Rs.1,48,800/-	24.11.2025 upto 4:00 PM	26.11.2025 after 5:00 PM

Sd/- Executive Engineer (EAST)-1

The detail regarding the tender & participation in the e-procurement portal process can be obtained by logging on to **https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in** For further details contact the abovesigned office during working hours.

DIPR/CP/3808/SSC/2025-26

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
MINOR IRRIGATION AND GROUND WATER DEVELOPMENT
Office of the Executive Engineer,
Minor Irrigation and Ground water development Division, Mandya, E mail: eemimandya@gmail.com

No.EE-MID/MDY/TA/AE/TB/2025-26/1581 Dt:12.11.2025

SHORT TENDER NOTIFICATION NO: 09/2025-26, Dated: 12-11-2025

On behalf of Governor of Karnataka, Executive Engineer, M.I & G.W.D Division, Mandya invited item wise Tender from eligible contractors under " KPP " Portal as per the terms and conditions prescribed in standard tender bid documents KW-1 and KW-2 Under the Head of Account 4702-Lift Irrigation Schemes Major Works(DPR), 4702- Anecut and Pickups Major Works (DPR), 4702 SCP & TSP there are 14 No's of works, amount put to tender ranging from Rs. 3.16 Lakhs to as high as Rs. 25.34 Lakhs.

Any information regarding this tender may be obtained from this office on or before dated: 21.11.2025 during Working hours. The tenders may be uploaded (Technical and Financial bids to be uploaded separately) with the prescribed E.M.D and requisite documents through website "www.kppp.karnataka.govt.in" before 24.11.2025 up to 17.29 Hours. Technical bids of the bidders will be opened on 25.11.2025 at 17.30 Hours. Financial bids of the eligible bidders will be opened on 28.11.2025 at 17-30 Hours.

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Sd/-Executive Engineer,
MI & GWD Division, Mandya.

ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಸನಿ–ಮಂ/ಕೆಎಸ್‌ಎಂಸಿ&ಎ/565/2025–26

ODISHA STATE SEEDS CORPORATION LTD
(A GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKING)
SANTARAPUR, BHUBANESWAR- 751002.
Tel-MD 0674- 2340573, E-Mail: mdosscltd456@gmail.com

Tender No - OSSC/Engg-135/2025

Managing Director, Odisha State Seeds Corporation Ltd invites Percentage Rate tenders in ***Double Cover System*** through ***ONLINE MODE ONLY*** eventually to be drawn up in prescribed Agreement form of OPWD, for the works below: *Values in Rs.*

Sl	Construction of Seed Storage Godowns at	Capacity in MT	Value of Work with-out GST & Labour Cess	EMD	Cost of tender document with GST	Completion time in days	Class of Contractor
1	Mudghat, Patnagarh	1500	1,34,47,958.00	1,34,480/-	11200/-	360	B or above

Further detail can be seen from the website **https://tendersodisha.gov.in**. Any addendum/ corrigendum/ cancellation can also be seen in the said website. The last date of uploading the tender to e-tender portal is **dt. 29.11.2025**

CAD-2309: Sd/- **Managing Director, OSSC Ltd., BBSR**

KARNATAKA NEERAVRI NIGAM LIMITED
(A Government of Karnataka Enterprise)
Office of The Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No. 3, Sindhanur-584128

No: KNNL/EE-3/TS/TLBC/4701/Notification/2025-26/ 1510 Date:11.11.2025.

Short Term Tender Notification (Through e-procurement only)

The Percentage Basis tenders through E-Procurement platform in Two Cover system (i.e., Technical Bid and Financial Bid.) are invited by the Executive Engineer, KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur on Behalf of the Managing Director, Karnataka Neeravari Nigam Limited, 4th Floor, Coffee Board Building, Dr|| B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bangalore-560001 from Eligible Contractor KPWD Class-III and Above for 7 works of Providing CC lining and Construction of CD Works, Re-Construction of Head Sluice & Pipe Out let/Improvements of Aqueduct/Foot Bridge and Construction of Low Level Causeway/CTC/Road Bridge, the Amount put to tender is Minimum Rs. 42.33 Lakh and Maximum Rs. 168.84 Lakh. Last date for submission of tender through electronic tender is Date: 08.12.2025 up to 4.00 PM. The Name of work, amount put to tender, EMD amount, tender conditions and other information can be obtained from this office during office hours or through website https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in/#/portal/portal-home.

Sd/- Executive Engineer,
KNNL, TLBC Division No.3, Sindhanur.

DIP/RCR/538/KSMCA/540/2025-26

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ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಮಾತ್ರ

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2025–26 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪುರಸಭಾ ನಿಧಿ: ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ವಿವರ: Supplying of Drivers, Sanitary supervisor, Helper/Assistants/Watchmen. ಟೆಂಡರಿಗಿಟ್ಟ ಮೊತ್ತ (ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 58.66. ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ) 293300. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಫಾರಂ ಬೆಲೆ (ರೂ. ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): Refer e-procure mental portal. ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DMA/2025- 26/SE6644

ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆಯಡಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಶೆಡ್ಯೂಲ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡಂತಿವೆ: 1) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 28.11.2025 ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಘಂಟೆ. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:01.12.2025 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆ. 3) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:04.12.2025 ಬೆಳಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಘಂಟೆ.

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ
ಪುರಸಭೆ ಕೆಂಭಾವಿ

ವಾ.ಸಾ.ಸಂ.ಇ/ಯಾದಗಿರಿ/387/ಕೆ.ಎಸ್.ಎಂ.ಸಿ.&ಎ/2025–26

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TENDER NOTICE - AICTE IDEA LAB EQUIPMENT

Ref. No.: NPRCET/AICTE-IDEA/2025/01

Sealed Tenders are invited from reputed suppliers/manufacturers for supply, Installation, and Commissioning of AICTE IDEA Lab equipment at **NPR College of Engineering & Technology (Autonomous)**

Eligibility : Registered supplier with proven experience in supplying lab equipment & with valid GST and PAN

Kindly ensure that the outer cover clearly superscribed with "Quotation for NPRCET – IDEA Lab" reach us by 05.12.2025

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7373444449 | nprcetprincipal@nprcolleges.org

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, MICHAEL Nayana.A. / Micheal Nayana, r/at No.9, 2nd Floor, 1st Main, RHA Line, 1st Main Road, Gowtham Puram, Bengaluru 560008 have changed my name as Michael Nayana Anthony vide affidavit dtd 14.11.2025 sworn before Notary N.Kanchivaradaraju, Bluru

I, VINAY N son of Nanjundappa A, residing at No.01, Byadarahalli, Magadi Main Road, Vishwaneedam Post, Bangalore North, Bangalore, Karnataka-560091, have changed the name of my minor son Mohit V aged 5 years and he shall hereafter be known as Vihaan Gowda V. Sworn to before Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bengalore Rural District through affidavit dated 12-11-2025 at Bangalore.

I, JOSHI Parmeshwar Kashiram, S/o Kashiram, R/at :Quarter No.64, STC, BSF Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064 have changed my son's name from Parshant to Prashant Parmeshwar Joshi vide affidavit dated 13/11/2025 sworn before XXXVIII Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate,Bengaluru.

I, Kopal Srivastava W/O, Devesh Prakash R/o A-305 Dsr White Waters Phase-2 Gunjur Palya Bengaluru 560087 have changed my name to Kopal Saxena for all purposes.

I,ORUGANTI GOMATHY SUBRAHMANYAM W/o Oruganti Rama Subrahmanyam R/O WD–003 G Floor Shri Ram Smrithi apartment Bidaraguppe Attibele Bengaluru Karnataka–562107 changed my name to GOMATHY KRISHNAN.

I,AMRITA SHUKLA D/o Virendra Kumar Shukla R/O–53– A–2 Kailashpuri Alam Bagh Benti Lucknow Uttar Pradesh – 226005 changed my name to AMRITA ASHISH CHATURVEDI.

TENDERS

Oushadhi
The Pharmaceutical Corporation (I.M.) Kerala Ltd.
(A Govt of Kerala Undertaking)
Kuttanellur,

झारखण्ड सरकार
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Mother of trees: Saalumarada Thimmakka dedicated her life to afforestation

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Environmentalist and Padma Shri awardee Saalumarada Thimmakka, who passed away at 114 on Friday, was known for her contribution to the environment, particularly her efforts for afforestation.

Ms. Thimmakka hailed from Gubbi taluk in Tumakuru district. With no formal education, she worked in a quarry as a casual labourer.

Eco-warrior: Saalumarada Thimmakka with the trees that she had planted, along with her husband Chikkaiah, at Hulikal village near Nelamangala. FILE PHOTO

Banyan trees along road
After marrying Bikkala Chikkayya, she moved to Hulikal village in Magadi taluk. The couple, who did not have children, planted 385 banyan trees on State Highway 94 from Kudur to Hulikal.

Their dedication to these saplings were such that they would walk kilometres with pails of water just to nurture the plants, as she often said.

Ms. Thimmakka was awarded the Padma Shri in 2019 for social work apart from being listed as one among BBC's 100 most influential and inspirational women in the world in 2016. She was also known for her activism to protect the environment.

Alternative approach
In 2019, there was a proposal for felling trees planted by Ms. Thimmakka for widening the Bagepalli-Halaguru road.

Ms. Thimmakka had appealed to then Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy and Deputy Chief Minister G. Parameshwara and the project took an alternative approach after the government had promised her that the trees would be protected from the project.

Several people, including political leaders, paid her rich tributes on Friday. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah posted on X: "I am deeply saddened to hear the news of the demise of Salumarada Thimmakka. Thimmakka, who planted thousands of trees and nurtured them like her own children, dedicated most of her life to environmental conservation. Even though Thimmakka has left us today, her love for the environment has made her immortal. My tributes to the departed soul. The State has become poorer with the demise of Saalumarada Thimmakka."

Demand for museum
Mr. Siddaramaiah, after paying his last respects, said that the funeral of Ms. Thimmakka will be conducted with full state honours. He added that there is a demand for constructing a museum dedicated to her which would be considered.

Environment Minister Eshwar Khandre also expressed his condolences.

"Thimmakka, who was known as Vriksha Mata, spread the importance of greenery to the world by raising trees as her children. Despite being illiterate, she had done great work in environmental conservation, and was awarded an honorary doctorate and had received the highest awards, including the Padma Shri," Mr. Khandre said in his condolence message.

Respiratory issues
Ms. Thimmakka was admitted to a private hospital on November 2 with acute exacerbation of bronchial asthma and lower respiratory tract infection.

Hospital officials said that Ms. Thimmakka suffered multi organ failure due to the prolonged illness and died.

"Ms. Thimmakka was admitted at Apollo Jayanagar on November 2 with acute exacerbation of bronchial asthma and lower respiratory tract infection. She was under the care of a multidisciplinary team of doctors. Ms. Thimmakka suffered multi-organ failure due to the prolonged illness and succumbed earlier today," Govindaiah Yatheesh, chief operating officer, Apollo Specialty Hospital Bengaluru, said in a statement.

Ms. Thimmakka is survived by her foster son, Umesh B.N, whom she adopted after her husband's demise. He is also the chairman of Saalumarada Thimmakka International Foundation.

Bihar poll result skews leadership change narrative in Karnataka

Multiple sources in the Congress and the government have said that a change in the State is doubtful in the immediate future, as the party has been decimated in the northern State

Nagesh Prabhu
BENGALURU

The Congress party's worst-ever electoral performance in the Bihar Legislative Assembly elections has put a question mark on Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC chief D.K. Shivakumar's ambitious calculations on the possible change of leadership in Karnataka, as the party high command appears to be wary of his demand on the eve of the government completing half of its five-year term (on November 20).

Multiple sources in the State Congress and the government told *The Hindu* that leadership change in Karnataka is doubtful in the immediate future, as the party has been decimated in Bihar.

As the party's campaign has not resonated with the voters in Bihar, leaders said the party may not take a big risk like removing Chief Minister Siddaramaiah from the post, who has mass support across the State, especially among the minorities, backward classes, and Dalits (AHINDA), who form the bulk of the electorate. The dominant view among the Ministers too appears to be that Mr. Siddaramaiah, who fashioned himself as the champion of AHINDA, should continue in office till the 2028 Assembly elections.

A file photo of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar in Bengaluru.

Mr. Shivakumar's base is largely in the Vokkaliga belt of the Old Mysore region. Despite holding the KPCC chief and Deputy Chief Minister's posts, he did not succeed in retaining the Bengaluru Rural constituency held by his brother D.K. Suresh in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

'November Revolution'
Sources said that the Bihar poll result has put paid to the narrative of "November Revolution," articulated by a section of the Congress leaders, picked up by the BJP, and widely reported by the media.

Citing many examples for the party's defeat in various States, a senior party functionary claimed that the absence of strong regional leadership was the major cause. The party lost elections in Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, and Chhattisgarh by denying prominence to leaders who have a mass base across these States. Since Mr. Siddaramaiah emerged as the strong regional leader in the party, any move to displace him from the post would adversely affect the image of the party, the leader argued.

With Muslims in Bihar appearing to have not backed the Congress, the Muslim leaders in Karnataka are likely to seek a reward for the community for supporting the party in the last Assembly elections by demanding a Deputy Chief Minister's post for their community leader, another source said.

Model of development
The party has to move beyond "anti-Modi" stances and "vote theft" campaign and project an alternative model of development, said a party leader. In Karnataka too, the party would face an uphill task in the next Assembly elections if it continues to lag behind in implementing development works, especially in Bengaluru, he added.

CM to head to Delhi today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is scheduled to visit Delhi on Saturday and is expected to hold talks with Central leaders of the party on the proposed State Cabinet reshuffle.

As the government headed by him will complete its half of its five-year term next week, the Chief Minister is expected to hold talks with AICC general secretary K.C. Venugopal on his proposal on the Cabinet rejig.

Fresh faces
The Chief Minister is keen on dropping some senior leaders and inducting new faces, to make the Cabinet a mix of youth and experienced people. Mr. Siddaramaiah is also expected to meet a few Union Ministers to submit petitions seeking the Centre's support.

The Congress sources said the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi is touring abroad and is expected to return to the national capital next week.

CM, DKS accept people's verdict; Oppn says it'll be repeated in State in 2028

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

After the Congress party's poor performance in the Legislative Assembly elections in Bihar, both Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar said that they accept the people's verdict.

Mr. Siddaramaiah said that he would collect information on reasons for the debacle of the Mahagathbandhan, of which the Congress is part, and then comment. Mr. Shivakumar said that he would bow to the verdict given by the people of Bihar. "The people of Bihar have given their verdict, and we take that as a lesson. We will work on a new strategy for the Congress party and the INDIA bloc," he said.

"The NDA government in Bihar has deposited ₹10,000 into women's bank accounts, and hence their voting percentage has gone up by 11%," he argued. Asked if higher voting by women was the reason for the defeat, he said, "I will look at the numbers in detail and then comment."

Joyful time: Union Minister of State for Labour and Employment, MSME Shobha Karandlaje and BJP workers celebrating the party's victory in Bihar, in Mangaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The Leader of the Opposition in the Legislative Assembly R. Ashok said the people of Bihar have given a message that Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership should continue and end the "jungle raj" of the RJD. The Bihar election results would be repeated in Karnataka in the 2028 Assembly elections, he said.

"In the upcoming elections, the Congress's situation will be like that of the Mahagathbandhan. Unable to face defeat, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has run away to a foreign country," the BJP leader said.

'Anti-Congress wave'
Union Minister and JD(S) leader H.D. Kumaraswamy said that the Bihar election has taught a lesson to the Congress for its "false propaganda" on the "vote chori" campaign and levelling false allegations against the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voters' list.

The Union Minister predicted that Karnataka will also witness a similar result in the next Assembly elections. "Already there is an anti Congress wave in Karnataka. The Congress has spent two-and-a-half years by only deliberating on leadership. People who had high hopes and gave the Congress the mandate with 136 seats are disappointed. People are now awaiting the next elections and ready to teach Congress a lesson."

HC: Give status report on implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The High Court of Karnataka on Friday directed the State government to file a status report on the implementation of various important provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, on a PIL petition, which has complained about Karnataka's "persistent and unjustifiable delay" in implementing the mandate of this law meant for welfare of persons with disabilities (PwD).

A Division Bench comprising Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru and Justice C.M. Poonacha issued the direction on the petition filed by Y. Karthik, 27, who suffers from visual impairment and cerebral palsy, and his brother, Y. Kaushik, 27, along with their father, Y.M. Satish, who is a MLC.

Despite the passage of nearly a decade since the new enactment, the State government has failed to operationalise several of the core provisions and key statutory obligations like ensuring reservation in employment, identifying posts, implementing social security schemes, establishing a dedicated PwD fund, and providing institutional support at the district and taluk levels remained unfulfilled, it has been complained.

Referring to a report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India on performance audit in implementation of the Act, and other documents, it has been contended in the petition that delay in implementation of the provisions of the law has deprived PwDs access to welfare schemes, employment, and social protections guaranteed through this legislation.

While seeking directions for effective implementation of various provisions of the Act, the petitioners have sought specific directions for constituting State Fund for PwD, issue Unique Disability Identity to all eligible persons, and cancel UDID issued to ineligible persons, to ensure that teachers educating PwDs are registered under the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992, establish special training centre to promote vocational training for PwDs and provide sufficient infrastructure for PwDs in all schools, increase pension for PwDs, among other pleas.

Meanwhile, it has been made it clear in the petition that Mr. Satish, who has set up various facilities for the benefit of PwDs, is not seeking any benefit from the schemes of the government for his son as he is financially capable of looking after his needs.

Further hearing on the petition has adjourned till February 4, 2026.

Taluk hospitals directed to start ENT surgeries

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Health Department has issued an order directing all taluk hospitals to start ear, nose and throat (ENT) surgical services. The move aims to strengthen secondary-level healthcare facilities by expanding ENT services across taluk-level institutions.

According to the directive, since all district and taluk hospitals are equipped with soundproof rooms and pure tone audiometry facilities, posts of audiologists should be created on a contract basis to manage these units.

The department has further stated that since "boothless audiometers" do not require audiologists to operate them, such equipment should be provided to all CHCs to facilitate basic hearing assessments.

To improve real-time monitoring and emergency response, the department will install NG-ERSS 112 software in all 1,270 State-run ambulances.

'Ironic that coffee is not covered under climate-linked insurance'

Mini Tejaswi
BENGALURU

The absence of a weather-linked insurance policy for coffee places growers in India in an extremely vulnerable position, said Arvind Rao, president, Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA), a body that represents coffee growers in Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, and Kodagu districts, which account for over 70% of the country's total coffee production.

Coffee growing in India is purely dependent on weather conditions. FILE PHOTO

Mr. Rao said coffee growing in India was purely dependent on weather conditions. Timely blossom showers and an overall good rainfall in a year means everything for coffee cultivation. Also, global warming with unpredictable rainfall was causing extreme drought, landslides, soil erosion and degradation, affecting plans and reducing yields, he explained.

"When the vagaries of nature often play havoc, coffee crop significantly reduces and farmers incur irreparable losses. That is why climate-linked insurance is a must for coffee. It is an irony that a totally climate-sensitive crop like coffee is not covered under climate-linked insurance," Mr. Rao told *The Hindu*.

insurance
Coffee growers need a rainfall-based insurance scheme to ensure that growers who suffer crop loss owing to extreme weather conditions are compensated through subsidies from the Central and the State governments, he advocated.

The KPA has already raised this issue with the Coffee Board of India and the Department of Commerce and the Karnataka government is expected to provide rainfall data to the board to take the growers' demand forward.

Today, most horticultural, agricultural, and commercial crops in the country are covered under weather-based crop insurance schemes that are part of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY). "However, coffee is not on the list," he lamented.

"We require drought-resistant and high-yielding coffee varieties to reverse steady crop and plant decline. The thrust has to be in R&D activities to develop drought resistant Robusta plants and shot-hole borer resistant Arabic plants," Mr. Rao further said.

For instance, when India produced 800 kg of Robusta in a hectare of land, Vietnam produced 3,000 kg of Robusta from the same acreage. Similarly, when Brazil produced 1,500 kg of Arabica in a hectare, India produced only 650 kg.

"We have to increase our yield at least by 25%. For this, in addition to better yielding plants, we also require better water management, sustainable irrigation practices, more investments in R&D and better attention and subsidies," he insisted.

Mr. Rao said there was nothing much happening in terms of mechanisation in the sector and this coupled with labour shortage was also a big challenge.

"Machines are a tough proposition for our shade-grown coffee plantations. However, the board should work on AI-driven machines (that won't harm plants) and smart drones."

Naidu aims for 50 lakh jobs, $500 bn investment in A.P.

At the CII Partnership Summit-2025, the Chief Minister said the State had attracted $20 billion in 18 months and put in place policies to mobilise more investments in the coming years

V. Raghavendra
VISAKHAPATNAM

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu expressed confidence that the government would attract $500 billion in investments in three years and generate employment for 50 lakh youth. He also announced that the process of opening escrow accounts for the disbursal of industrial incentives would begin soon.

He said the government was ready to extend sovereign guarantees wherever required by industries.

Delivering the keynote address at the inaugural session of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) Partnership Summit-2025 in Visakhapatnam on Friday, Mr. Naidu said the State had already attracted $20 billion in 18 months and put in place policies to mobilise more investments in the coming years, with poverty eradication and employment generation as the core objectives.

The model of Amaravati displayed at the Andhra Pradesh Pavilion, which was inaugurated at the CII Partnership Summit. V. RAJU

He said the State was endowed with natural resources, and its long coastline made it a gateway for investments across sectors.

"Visakhapatnam is poised to emerge as a preferred destination for IT companies," he said, offering land to the India Trade Promotion Organisation for constructing a world-class convention centre in the city. The proposed facility would be on the lines of Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

Mr. Naidu said the State government had adopted 'Speed of Doing Business' as a catalyst for investment growth, and efforts were under way to develop electronics, aerospace, space, semiconductor and defence corridors. He also highlighted abundant opportunities in the State's deep tech, tourism, logistics and health sectors.

India is pursuing FTAs with multiple countries: Goyal

V. Raghavendra
VISAKHAPATNAM

Union Minister of Industries & Commerce Piyush Goyal said India was holding negotiations with the European Union, the U.S., Oman, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, and a host of other countries to facilitate the free flow of capital, goods and services.

Piyush Goyal

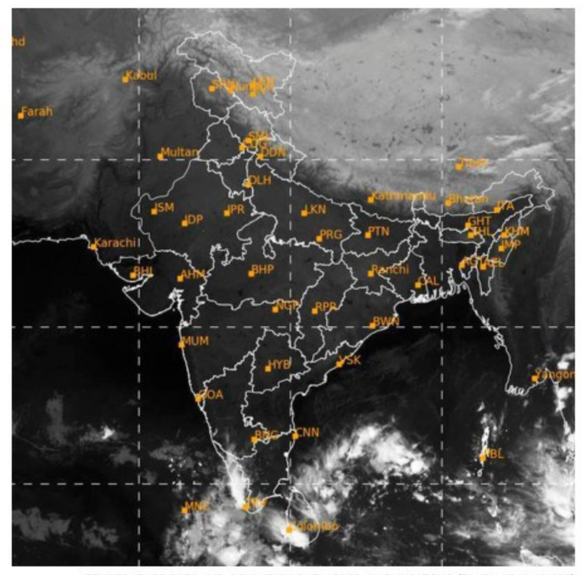
"These Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) are coming at a time when the world order is being rewritten and there has been tremendous volatility all around as a consequence. Indian industries should be resilient in this scenario in order to benefit all of humanity," he observed.

Delivering his inaugural address at the 30th CII Partnership Summit-2025 in Visakhapatnam on Friday, Mr. Goyal said India was like an oasis in the desert amid the churning that was taking place in the world, as it enjoyed the trust of many countries.

"The adoption of technology is a must for prosperity, and that trust has to be built through righteousness, for which global trade ties are being fostered," he said.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.15 HRS)

Forecast for Saturday: Thunderstorm accompanied with lightning likely at isolated places over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Cold wave conditions likely at isolated places over east Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	30.0	17.4	Kozhikode	—	33.7	26.4
Ahmedabad	—	31.3	16.5	Kurnool	—	32.5	19.2
Aizawl	—	29.7	14.3	Lucknow	—	27.9	11.4
Allahabad	—	28.6	11.9	Madurai	—	32.0	24.6
Bengaluru	—	27.1	19.8	Mangaluru	4	30.6	24.4
Bhopal	—	27.7	9.6	Mumbai	—	33.3	18.4
Bhubaneswar	—	29.7	14.8	Mysuru	—	—	15.2
Chandigarh	—	27.0	8.4	New Delhi	—	26.4	10.2
Chennai	—	31.2	25.7	Patna	—	27.7	15.7
Coimbatore	3	28.0	23.0	Port Blair	—	31.0	24.9
Dehradun	—	27.5	9.5	Puducherry	—	29.6	24.1
Gangtok	—	20.0	9.7	Pune	—	30.5	16.5
Goa	—	32.9	22.2	Raipur	—	29.2	13.3
Guwahati	—	28.4	19.8	Ranchi	—	25.0	9.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	15.0	Shillong	—	24.0	14.0
Hyderabad	—	29.4	13.4	Shimla	—	21.0	10.0
Imphal	—	26.3	12.7	Srinagar	—	17.0	-1.9
Jaipur	—	28.5	12.6	Thiruvananthapuram	—	30.8	24.6
Kochi	47	30.0	24.0	Tiruchi	—	30.9	24.6
Kohima	—	16.7	12.5	Vijayawada	—	29.2	19.4
Kolkata	—	29.0	17.2	Visakhapatnam	—	30.1	21.2

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	—	95	70	146	216	
Bengaluru	4	25	65	60	217	
Chennai	15	29	13	228	130	
Delhi	35	124	79	405	398	
Hyderabad	17	15	24	135	137	
Kolkata	2	61	44	303	240	
Lucknow	8	55	28	287	162	
Mumbai	6	42	38	306	271	
Pune	5	59	85	184	187	
Visakhapatnam	25	78	20	227	182	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Bulandshahr, Uttar Pradesh recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 404 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Shillong, Meghalaya recorded a healthy AQI score of 14

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

From Hyderabad to Vizag: Naidu chases growth again

Appaji Reddem
VISAKHAPATNAM

"It's the happiest day of my life," exclaimed Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh N. Chandrababu Naidu on Friday, while addressing global corporate leaders who were guests at the 30th CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam.

Mr. Naidu, who was touted as the architect of the IT and Biotech boom in Hyderabad in the 1990s, could see a similar vibe in Visakhapatnam. Mr. Naidu, who had assumed the post of Chief Minister for the fourth time in 2024, was famous as the "CEO of A.P. Inc" for his corporate style of functioning during his first two terms in combined A.P.

Commenting on the investment response from global corporates, Mr. Naidu said, "There were over 2,500 trade delegates across the globe, including 522 representing 72 countries, and the State could attract $20 billion during the past 18 months."

For A.P., which lost its jewel city Hyderabad along with revenue and other infrastructure in its bifurcation in 2014, the recent turnaround offers hope.

Investment hunt: A.P. CM N. Chandrababu Naidu speaking at the CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam on Friday. V. RAJU

Andhra Pradesh has seven functional airports and is developing seven more. The 1,000-km coastline has 15 operational ports and six more are in the offing. The State aims to develop a port or harbour for every 50 km. This apart, construction of State and National Highways are under way. The Centre has announced a permanent world-class convention centre in Visakhapatnam.

While he could bring Microsoft Development Centre to Hyderabad in the 1990s, he could repeat the same magic to attract Google, which came up with a $15 billion investment proposal to set up AI Data Centre in Visakhapatnam.

Bharat Biotech co-founder and MD Suchitra Ella said that the seeds sown by Mr. Naidu in Genome Valley in Hyderabad decades ago not only helped India, but saved several countries through COVID vaccines made in India. GMR Group Chairman G.M. Rao explained how Mr. Naidu's push for GMR Greenfield International Airport in Hyderabad has become an economic growth engine.

Mr. Naidu summed up and told the investors, "You sign MoUs and our people will be after you and we will create the best industry environment here."

Revanth Reddy congratulating Naveen Yadav after his victory in the Jubilee Hills bypoll in Hyderabad on Friday. SIDDHANT THAKUR

Cong. candidate wins Jubilee Hills bypoll with record margin

Siddharth Kumar Singh
HYDERABAD

Congress candidate Naveen Yadav won the Jubilee Hills bypoll with a record margin of 24,729 votes on Friday . He secured a total of 98,988 votes out of the 1,94,631 polled votes. The Bharat Rashtra Samithi's (BRS) Maganti Sunitha came second with 74,259 votes, while the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) Lankala Deepak Reddy forfeited the deposit by getting 17,061 votes. NOTA received 924 votes.

"I thank the people of Jubilee Hills for giving me this big majority. I also thank Sonia Gandhi, Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, K.C. Venugopal and Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy," Mr. Naveen Yadav told the presspersons after collecting the certificate from Returning Officer P. Sairam in the presence of General Observer Ranjit Kumar Singh at the Kotla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy Stadium in Yousufguda.

In the 2023 Assembly elections, the seat was won by the BRS candidate Maganti Gopinath, with a margin of 16,337 votes and polled 80,549 votes. The Congress candidate Mohammed Azharuddin, who is now Minister for Minorities, had finished second then with 64,212 votes. This is the second seat within Hyderabad that BRS has lost control as the Secunderabad Cantonment seat was won by Narayanan Sri Ganesh.

The Kotla Vijay Bhaskar Reddy Stadium was turned into a fortress on Friday for the counting of votes that began at 8 a.m. There were 42 tables arranged for 10 rounds of counting and polling personnel worked through the morning to tabulate the votes. District Election Officer and GHMC Commissioner R.V. Karnan along with Hyderabad Joint Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Tafseer Iqubal monitored counting process throughout the day.

The Congress pulled ahead by only 47 votes in the first round, prompting cheers from both sides as the neck-and-neck contest unfolded. The margin gradually increased over subsequent rounds, strengthening the Congress candidate's position. After the fourth round, BJP candidate left the counting centre.

Nomination process begins for local body polls in Kerala

The Hindu Bureau
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

The State Election Commission on Friday published the notification for the 2025 local body elections in Kerala, kick-starting the process of filing nomination papers for the two-phase polls in December.

Nominations can be filed till 3 p.m. on November 21, which will be followed by their scrutiny on November 22.

As announced on November 10 by State Election Commissioner A. Shajahan, Thiruvananthapuram, Kollam, Pathanamthitta, Kottayam, Idukki, Alappuzha and Ernakulam will go to the polls on December 9. The elections in Thrissur, Malappuram, Wayanad, Palakkad, Kannur, Kasaragod, and Kozhikode will be held on December 11.

Nominations can be filed till 3 p.m. on November 21.

The polled votes will be counted on December 13. All procedures related to the 2025 polls will be completed by December 18.

Candidates can either submit the nominations in person or through a proposer. A candidate should be a voter in any of the wards in the local body concerned and should be 21 years of age on the date of submitting the papers. The proposer should be a voter in the same ward. A candidate can submit three sets of nominations.

A candidate can contest in only one ward in a local body. However, in the three-tier panchayats, a candidate can contest in multiple levels, that is, the candidate can file nominations to contest in the grama, block, and district panchayats.

Of the 1,200 local bodies in Kerala, 1,199 will see elections in December. The Mattannur municipality in Kannur district will go to the polls in 2027, following the end of the governing council's five-year term in September that year.

The Commission also issued guidelines for candidature in the local body elections on Thursday.

Dog mauls man to death in Mangaluru

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

A 60-year-old man was mauled to death, reportedly by a rabid dog, at Kumpala on the outskirts of Mangaluru in the wee hours of Friday.

Police identified the victim as Dayananda Gatti, a resident of Kumpala. He was found dead in the locality with blood around his body early in the morning.

Police Commissioner Sudheer Kumar Reddy said a few people had seen him walking in the area around 3 a.m.

Eyewitnesses said Mr. Gatti's body was found in a pool of blood inside the compound of a house in Kumpala even as one of his severed eyeballs was found nearby. The body bore multiple injuries. People also had seen a dog near the body which ran away upon noticing them. By the time Ullal police arrived at the spot, Mr. Gatti had breathed his last.

Mr. Reddy said some injuries on the body indicated that he was attacked by an animal.

The Commissioner further said the forensic doctor who visited the site confirmed that the death was due to an animal attack.

Dog caught

Stating that people had seen a dog moving around with blood around its mouth, Mr. Reddy noted that the dog in question was later caught by civic personnel. It had blood stains all over its body.

Ullal police have booked a case of unnatural death and are investigating.

Sabarimala gold theft: ED moves HC for documents

The Hindu Bureau
KOCHI

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has approached the Kerala High Court for copies of the FIR and other documents related to the alleged misappropriation of gold from the Sabarimala Ayyappa temple.

Information available indicates the commission of offences under the Indian Penal Code and the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, which are "scheduled offences" under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA).

In its plea, the ED said that temple property was allegedly diverted and its proceeds converted for personal gain, giving rise to 'proceeds of crime' as defined under the PMLA.

Temperatures dip below 10°C in several districts of Telangana

The Hindu Bureau
HYDERABAD

Telangana continued to experience cold-wave conditions on November 14, with minimum temperatures falling below 10°C in 10 locations. Data from the Telangana Development Planning Society (TGDPS) recorded significant dips between the morning of November 13 and 14.

Kohir in Sangareddy district registered the lowest temperature at 7.8°C followed by 8.3°C in Lingapur (Kumram Bheem Asifabad), 8.7°C in Mominpet (Vikarabad), 8.8°C in Ibrahimpatnam (Rangareddy), and 9°C in Shivampet (Medak), 9.1°C in Rudrangi (Rajanna Sircilla), 9.3°C in Bazarhathnoor (Adilabad), 9.4°C in Bibipet (Kamareddy) and Saloora (Nizamabad) and 9.7°C in Akbarpet (Siddipet). In the remaining 23 districts, minimum temperatures ranged between 10 and 14. Urban areas also experienced a noticeable drop. Medchal in Medchal Malkajgiri recorded a minimum of 11.1°C, followed by Maredpally in city with 11.4°C.

Dharma Raju, a scientist at the IMD, said that the chilly conditions are expected to continue for another two days. "Thereafter, we will be seeing a rise in minimum temperatures," he said. He explained that northerly and north-easterly winds are currently prevailing over the region, causing the sharp dip in night temperatures. Once easterly winds begin to set in, light rainfall is likely over Rayalaseema, coastal Andhra Pradesh and parts of Telangana, which would lead to a rise in night temperatures.

Meanwhile, doctors have urged people to take precautions as the cold wave persists. Dr Rajeev, a Hyderabad-based pulmonologist, said the homeless, elderly, economically disadvantaged, persons with disabilities, pregnant or lactating women, children, outdoor workers, managers of night shelters and farmers are vulnerable during such conditions. He added that cold weather can trigger the worsening of symptoms in individuals with asthma, or other long-standing lung conditions.

"Cold and dry air also increases the risk of common respiratory infections, including the common cold, influenza and pneumonia. Deep and slow breathing techniques can help improve lung function and reduce shortness of breath," he added.

Ex-TTD officer, who flagged theft of hundi money, found dead

Hareesh P.
ANANTAPUR

Y. Satish Kumar, a former Assistant Vigilance and Security Officer of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and complainant in the Sri Venkateswara Swamy temple parakamani (hundi counting centre) theft case, was found dead on the railway tracks near Tadipatri here in Andhra Pradesh on Friday morning.

It was in 2023 that Mr. Satish caught C.V. Ravi Kumar stealing $900 while counting the hundi collections. A chargesheet was filed in the case. Mr. Satish later reached a compromise with the accused, and the case was closed.

After the NDA came to power in 2024, the case resurfaced again. Following a petition in the High Court, it directed a CID probe and sought a report by December 2, 2025.

Mr. Satish, who was attached to the Armed Reserve wing of the State police, was recently posted to the Guntakal Government Railway Police. The police said he might have fallen off a train and died.

Double engine

Welfare schemes implemented close to the polls in Bihar helped the NDA

The spectacular electoral victory of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar is one built on clever welfarism, astute social engineering, meticulous propaganda and the sustained popularity of Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the State. The Opposition Mahagatbandhan of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the Congress and other outfits suffered from the adverse popular memory of their reign, which ended 20 years ago. The NDA nurtured women as a horizontal voting bloc, even brazenly starting a new cash dole scheme on the eve of the election. Its caste alliance covered a larger spectrum, compared to the Mahagatbandhan, which, despite its best efforts, could not overcome the perception of being a narrow platform for Yadavs and Muslims. Mr. Kumar, who entered the campaign as a fading patriarch, turned around his fortunes, reinforced his centrality in Bihar politics, and became the fulcrum of the NDA victory. The BJP is ahead of the Janata Dal (United) in terms of vote and seat shares, but its route to Bihar's heart is still through Mr. Kumar. The NDA seems to have benefitted from a considerable increase in female voter turnout and from welfare schemes focused on women and Economically Backward Class (EBC) households through cash transfers and self-employment subsidies. Despite being in power since 2005, with only a short break, Mr. Kumar not only deflected anti-incumbency but also enhanced his standing. This worked in combination with the image of Mr. Modi, whose Hindutva-development claims have many takers in Bihar.

The Congress-RJD coalition failed to function as an organic platform, and its lack of cohesion and sense of purpose were all too evident. Its campaign was splintered, with its attention shifting between social justice and welfare slogans and a questioning of the integrity of the electoral process itself. India's electoral process requires serious refurbishment, but does not seem to have much traction as an election issue. Also missing among the opponents of the BJP is an appreciation of the hegemony of Hindutva in the Hindi belt. There are many questions regarding the impartiality of the electoral process, but the conclusion that the BJP and its allies are winning only because of a compromised process is a misplaced one. While the NDA could mitigate the pitfalls of anti-incumbency, the Mahagatbandhan ended up holding the can for the misdeeds and misgovernance of a previous generation of its leaders. That is a sobering message for the Congress and all parties opposed to the BJP. They need to get their house in order, craft an inspiring message, and face up to the popularity of the BJP's Hindutva politics while framing their opposition to it.

Tepid relief

The ending of the shutdown in the U.S. does not preclude other crises

President Donald Trump has garnered the dubious honour of presiding over the longest federal government shutdown in U.S. history, a 43-day spiral of economic uncertainty and gloom that was finally terminated this week. Plunging the lives of nearly 1.4 million furloughed and pay-denied federal employees into chaos, Mr. Trump and his Republican colleagues in Congress appeared to prevail over the hopes of Democrats to extend health insurance subsidies for low-income Americans, set to expire at the end of 2025. In return, they conceded precious little – the assurance of holding a vote in the U.S. Senate on the subsidies, but not a vote in the House of Representatives and no promised support by Republicans for the Democrats' position on the subject. However, Republican lawmakers won by 60 votes against 40 in the Senate, to end the shutdown deadlock on Sunday, only because eight Democrats broke with their party ranks to support the package to fund some federal agencies and policies for the entire fiscal year, and others until January 30, 2026. A triumphant Mr. Trump vowed to press on with his campaign to end the congressional filibuster, the practice envisioned to be a means to check hasty or ham-handed legislative action, deployed by Democrats on this occasion to fight for affordable health care for low-income families.

While breaking the logjam in Congress will come as a relief to many, it is hard to understate the impact of the shutdown on the economy, which saw the suspension of a range of public services, including flights, a setback to routine functions in sectors such as food and nutrition benefits including food stamps for the poor, early learning programmes for poorer families, and those relating to the Internal Revenue Service, national parks and social services more broadly. Yet, the sheer muscle power that Republicans enjoy through their control of both houses of Congress helped them put Democrats on the back foot on the shutdown issue, despite the latter's victory in the recent mayoral, gubernatorial and other State-level elections. However, the acid test in the swing of the power pendulum between Mr. Trump, emboldened by the margin of his win at the ballots in last year's presidential election, and resurgent Democratic lawmakers, will be next year's mid-term elections. This will serve as a de facto referendum on the Trump administration's job performance and will principally include within its purview economic policy issues impacting ordinary Americans, such as jobs, as well as questions on health care, education and immigration. Unless Republicans give some quarter to their liberal and progressive colleagues across the aisle, they face the risk of alienating a sizeable cohort of voters in the months ahead.

Flexible inflation targeting, a good balance

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Deriving acceptable rates of inflation that are consistent with growth prospects and macro conditions is worth undertaking

The present Flexible Inflation Targeting (FIT) framework in India as a mandate for monetary policy to manage inflation at 4% (+/-) 2% is ending in March 2026 and is under review. In this regard the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has brought out a well-researched discussion paper, and has several questions for which views have been sought. Here, this article addresses three questions: headline versus core (excluding food), acceptable level of inflation, and inflation band.

Controlling inflation

Before responding to these questions, it is pertinent to highlight that inflation control by itself is an important objective of monetary policy. High inflation, above a tolerable level, is a regressive consumption tax that affects poorer households more disproportionately than the rich and households whose incomes are hedged. Indeed, high and volatile inflation hurts savings and misdirects investments. The issue of acceptable level of inflation came up first before the Chakravarty Committee which was of the opinion that "...the acceptable rise in prices is 4 per cent (reflecting changes in relative prices necessary to attract resources to growth sectors)...." The reasoning given is somewhat opaque.

The RBI has been focusing on inflation management all along, and more explicitly since the dismantling of automatic monetisation in 1994 that gave functional autonomy to the RBI in conducting monetary policy. In 2016, India adopted the FIT framework that also gave, in a broad sense, institutional autonomy. Since 2016, India's inflation is range-bound, by and large, despite facing multiple shocks. This is an achievement for a framework that is still evolving.

What to target

An issue that keeps recurring is the issue of what to target – headline or core inflation. If the overall objective of inflation control is to promote savings and investments and to protect the poor from shocks, then headline inflation should be the appropriate target. The assumption that 'food inflation' is only the result of supply shocks is not necessarily true. As some episodes in the past have shown, 'food inflation' in an environment of expansionary monetary policy will be much higher than in an environment of contractionary monetary policy.

There is also a mistaken conclusion that the behaviour of individual prices adds up to the increase in general price level (and, hence, inflation). As Milton Friedman famously said to an Indian audience in Mumbai in 1963, "If the Government is committed to a full employment policy, it may in response thereto expand the money supply by printing more money for Government expenditures or for other purposes. In that case, it is true that the upward push in wages produced inflation, not because it was necessarily inflationary but because it happened to be the mechanism which forced an increase in the stock of money."

Without an expansion in overall liquidity or money supply, the general price level cannot rise. The present debate in India between headline versus core inflation appears to miss the distinction between changes in relative prices and general price level. When there is no change in aggregate demand, food inflation results only in changes in relative prices. The general price level is not affected. However, Indian data show second round impacts of food inflation on core inflation through upward pressure on wages and other channels. This could lead to a change in the general price level, if the aggregate demand is allowed to expand, as Friedman warned. In such a situation, the scope of monetary policy must include 'food inflation'.

Acceptable level of inflation

Some studies, using Phillips Curve, have argued that there is a trade-off between growth and inflation. Empirically, the Phillips Curve argument did not stand the test of time. As Friedman and others argued, there is only a short-run trade-off, at best, and in the long run, with the expectations built-in, there will be no trade-off.

However, even in the short-run, low levels of inflation may even facilitate growth. But beyond a level, high inflation does hurt growth and this is how the concept of threshold inflation emerged. This may be noted in the *graph* where annual data for both inflation and growth since the 1991 period (excluding the COVID-19 year) is presented. A simple quadratic line between the two variables gives a non-linear relationship. The point of inflection is estimated at 3.98, suggesting that acceptable inflation for India could be about 4%.

Ideally, as the monetary policy is largely forward looking and the present review of FIT is to suggest the framework for the next five years, up to 2030-31, deriving acceptable rates of inflation consistent with growth prospects and macro conditions is worth undertaking. A preliminary simulation exercise in this direction does suggest inflation of below 4% as the acceptable rate. While this needs some robustness checks, especially about what the fiscal and external pressures could be in the next five years, this suggests that there is a very limited case for arguing for a higher inflation target above 4%.

On inflation band

The present limit of +/-2% has delivered enough flexibility for the monetary authorities to navigate. But what is not prescribed is how long the central bank can stay closer to the upper limit. In fact, staying close to the upper limit will defeat the spirit of the framework. The *graph* also suggests that beyond 6% inflation, the growth rate declines sharply.

It also depends on how we navigate the fiscal policy going forward. If we look back at the history of inflation in India, a major cause of high inflation in the 1970s and 1980s is the monetisation of fiscal deficit. That is why one major element in the reform process in the early 1990s was to abolish the system of issuing ad hoc treasury bills, which had the effect of an automatic monetisation of deficit. This was followed up later by the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) Act. A natural follower of this is FIT. FRBM provisions and FIT must go together. Slipping on any one of the two frameworks will have consequences on the other, thus, risking overall macroeconomic stability.

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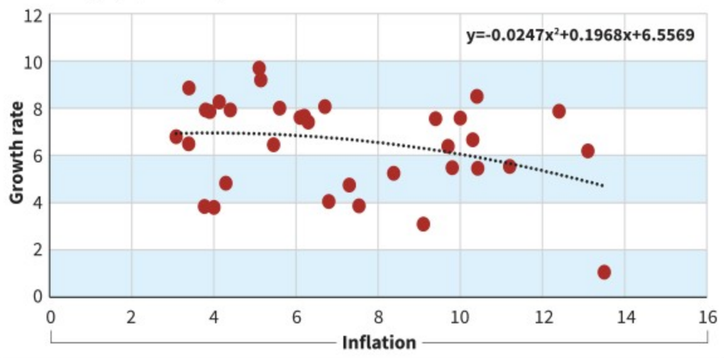
Relationship between inflation and growth

As in the graph, the acceptable level of inflation for India is around 4%



The Great Nicobar project and a Ministry in knots

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The Union Environment Ministry has ignored scientific rigour and procedural propriety

In an important submission made before the National Green Tribunal (NGT) on October 30, 2025, the Union Environment Ministry admitted that the Great Nicobar mega infrastructure project will have a significant impact on this biodiversity and forest-rich island located at the extreme south of the Andaman and Nicobar chain (*The Hindu*, "Fully aware of Great Nicobar project's impact, says Centre", October 31, 2025).

The project that envisages an investment of ₹92,000 crore (₹72,000 crore in 2021) includes a transshipment port, an airport, a power plant and a greenfield tourism project and township. It has seen intense scrutiny and challenges before both the NGT and the Calcutta High Court.

Defending the environmental clearance granted to the project in November 2022, Additional Solicitor General Aishwarya Bhati, admitted before the NGT, in the latest hearing on October 30, that Galathea Bay, the site of the port and also the centre-piece of the project, had over 20,000 live coral colonies, over 50 nesting mounds of the endemic Nicobar Megapode (also a Schedule 1 species as per the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972) and also an active nesting site of the Giant Leatherback turtle. Ms. Bhati noted that the Ministry was fully aware of the impact of the project and of its duty to undertake mitigation measures, given that it had prescribed conservation measures till 2052.

A finger points to the Environment Ministry

The fundamental questions that arise and which the Ministry would rather side-step is the need in the first place for the conservation and mitigation measures. Presenting the project as *fait accompli* and mitigation measures as a solution conceals, first, the Ministry's own complicity in allowing the project and second, the failure of its primary mandate of conservation and protection.

There are at least two important recent developments that underline this fundamental contradiction. First in 2021, the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) denotified the Galathea Bay Wildlife Sanctuary that had been proposed in 1997 precisely for the protection of leatherback turtles, coral colonies, nesting populations of the megapode and important elements of biodiversity such as mangroves and salt water crocodiles. It can only be considered ingenious for the institution that created the wildlife sanctuary and has the statutory responsibility for its protection to first remove this protection, and then say that conservation and mitigation plans are being put in place.

Coastal regulation applies

The second issue is a category of land labelled by Indian law as coastal regulation zone (CRZ)-1A. Coastal areas which have mangroves, corals, turtle nesting beaches, sea grass beds and nesting grounds of birds and/or which are notified as protected areas (wildlife sanctuary and national park) are all included in CRZ-1A. These are areas with maximum protection and are, by implication, out of bounds for large construction projects such as the port in Great Nicobar. Galathea Bay qualifies as CRZ 1A on all counts. This is where the Environment Ministry has tied itself up in multiple knots of its own making.

This became explicit and inescapable when an NGT order of April 2023 noted that the port site had 20,668 coral colonies and "that part of the project is in CRZ-IA area where Port is prohibited". The NGT then appointed a high-powered committee to look into the matter, which in turn asked the Chennai-based National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, to conduct a ground truthing survey.

Based on the survey, the layout provided by the project proponent, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Integrated Development Corporation (ANIIDCO), and the clarification received from the Andaman and Nicobar Forest Department, the NCSCM concluded that no part of the project area fell under CRZ-IA. A confidential report that the NCSCM then submitted to the high-powered committee became the basis for its claim that the port site was not CRZ-1A. ANIIDCO's affidavit in the NGT in September 2024 makes this explicit: "The HPC came to the conclusion that in the Report submitted by the NCSCM, it has been determined that construction of [a] port is permissible in CRZ-IB area but not permissible in CRZ-IA. The NCSCM, hence, concluded that no part of the project area is falling under CRZ-1A."

Not only is the logic absurdly circular, but it is also important to note that neither the NCSCM's report nor the high-powered committee's submission to the NGT are in the public domain. The Ministry has repeatedly refused to release these, arguing that parts of the project are defence related even though denotification of the sanctuary and the downgrading to CRZ 1B were done entirely for commercial projects.

Galathea Bay is ecologically important

Importantly, Ms. Bhati's most recent submission, that Galathea Bay has corals, megapode nests and the beach is used for nesting by leatherback turtles and in fact that the Ministry was well aware of this reality, confirms the continued importance of this location. The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Forest Department's own data shows in fact that the beach at Galathea Bay saw over 600 leatherback nestings in the nesting season of 2024 – one of the highest ever recorded in Great Nicobar.

This being the case, it is not possible that Ms. Bhati and the high-powered committee/NCSCM report are both telling the truth. If Ms. Bhati's submission and admissions before the NGT are indeed correct, Galathea Bay is still very much CRZ-1A and deserves the highest protection. This raises a serious question about the reports submitted before the NGT that argue otherwise. It is then not just a matter of the Ministry tying itself up in knots (which it surely has). It also raises fundamental issues of scientific rigour and procedural propriety and honesty.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The Bihar vote

The electorate in Bihar State has unambiguously given its stamp of approval to the Nitish Kumar-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government to stay in office for another five years.

The historic victory is a clear indication that the political career and popularity of Mr. Kumar have reached its zenith. The rejection of the INDIA bloc is an unquantifiable setback, which despite its high-octane campaigns — much touted 'vote theft' presentations by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and a plethora of promises by Rashtriya Janata Dal leader Tejashwi Yadav — failed to resonate with the voters.

The NDA now faces the next set of Assembly elections, scheduled for next year, with redoubled vigour and confidence. If the INDIA bloc has to stay relevant in the electoral arena, it should pore over the reasons for its humiliating defeat, reorient its strategy, and take up the issues confronting people in all earnestness. If not, it will face a humongous task to regain the trust of the people.

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The Bihar election result has again shown up a political truth — the poor state of Congress party and the INDIA bloc. The Nitish Kumar-led NDA coalition struck gold by adopting strategies to empower women.

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Changaramkulam, Kerala

The Opposition has quickly turned its ire towards the Election Commission of India, hinting that the ruling alliance's sweep in Bihar owes more to institutional indulgence than electoral persuasion.

Yet, the NDA has been astute in wrapping each contested act in the comfort of legal propriety: the cash transfer as welfare continuity and the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls as routine electoral hygiene. Such manoeuvres may fall within the rulebook, but they inevitably raise a quieter question — how much of democracy lies in law, and how much in trust?

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Corrections & Clarifications

The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) is conducted by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, and not the Labour Bureau, as mentioned in a report, "Rural employment down, urban joblessness up, finds government survey" ('Business' page, November 11, 2025).

A sentence in a report (November 13, 2025), "Kissinger rules out U.S. exit from U.N." (Opinion page, 'From the Archives – Fifty Years Ago, November 13, 1975), should have read: "Dr. Kissinger ruled out ... that the United *States* should pull out of the U.N."

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GROUND ZERO

Security personnel at the blast site near the Red Fort in Delhi on November 10. SUSHIL KUMAR VERMA

Doctors with bombs

On the evening of November 10, an explosion in a car near the Red Fort in Delhi killed 13 people and injured at least 20. Investigations suggest that the suspect, Dr. Umar ul Nabi, who died in the blast, was part of a network that was allegedly plotting terror strikes. Nine people, some of them doctors, have been arrested. **Vijaita Singh** and **Alisha Dutta** report on the tragedy and the findings of the investigation

On November 10, at 6:55 p.m., a phone rang at the Delhi Fire Services. The panicked caller told an officer that a blast had occurred in a car in front of the Red Fort. Within minutes, the roads near the high security area were chock-a-block with fire tenders, ambulances, and police vans, recalls the officer, who did not want to be named.

The scene, he remembers, was ghastly. There were shattered glass pieces, dismembered body parts, streaks of blood, and broken vehicle parts on Netaji Subhash Marg, the road leading to the Mughal-era sandstone structure.

Dharmender, a resident of Greater Noida, an Uttar Pradesh suburb of Delhi, who had gone to shop in the Chandni Chowk area, recalls what happened. "The traffic was moving really slowly. Suddenly, the sky lit up and there was a loud noise. Those around the car did not even get a chance to attempt an escape. After the blast, we dragged out some seven cab drivers from the area and placed them in e-rickshaws. All I noticed was that the vehicle which had blown up had a Haryana number plate."

Bhupender Singh, a 55-year-old resident of Noida, who happened to be at the site, says he fled as ambulances carried injured people from the blast site to Lok Nayak Hospital, about 2 kilometres away. His hands still shaking, Singh says he was metres away from the white four-wheeler that blew up. "The traffic light had just turned green when the blast occurred. I rolled out of my vehicle and ran towards the market area on the opposite side," he says.

Sonu, a guard working at a public toilet in the area, recalls how he watched the scene with horror. He remains scarred at the sight of a limb falling near a Jain temple and a disembodied head landing on the roadside.

The blast took place less than 500 metres away from where Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made his Independence Day speech in August. He had declared that a "new normal" had been established after India's Operation Sindoor against Pakistan, in response to the terror attack in Pahalgam in Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) in April. At the blast in front of Red Fort, officially recognised as a "terror incident" on November 12, at least 13 people died and more than 20 people were injured.

A day later, the Delhi Police registered a First Information Report at the Kotwali police station under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967; the Explosives Substances Act, 1908; and Section 103(1) (punishment for murder), 109(1) (attempt to murder) and 61(2) (criminal conspiracy) of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023. The case has been transferred to the National Investigation Agency. So far, the J&K Police have arrested nine suspects in a case registered by them on October 19 and which is now intrinsically linked to the blast.

The three doctors

Hours before the blast, around 50 km away in Haryana, the Faridabad Police Commissioner, Satendra Kumar Gupta, addressed a press conference. He announced that the police, in collaboration with the J&K Police, had recovered 360 kilograms of inflammable material – possibly ammonium nitrate – stuffed into 12 suitcases, an AK-Krinkov rifle, magazines, walkie-talkies, timers, and batteries during a raid at a room at Fatehpur Taga village in Faridabad district. "The recoveries were made from the room where 32-year-old Muzammil Ahmad Ganaie had moved in 15 days ago," Gupta said. Ganaie is a junior doctor with the emergency wing of the hospital inside the campus of Al Falah University in Dhouj.

> As doctors, they knew a fair bit about chemicals and most of the items that they had planned to use for making the bombs had been bought from open markets
> Official

Later, sources said that the room had been rented by Dr. Ganie. On October 30, the police arrested Dr. Ganaie from the college.

At the same time, the J&K Police announced through a press release that they had busted an "inter-State and transnational terror module" linked to the Jaish-e-Mohammad and al Qaeda-affiliated Ansar Ghazwat ul Hind. They said seven people, including Dr. Ganaie and another doctor, Adeel Ahmad Rather, who Dr. Ganaie led them to, had been arrested. They also said that they had seized 2,900 kg of improvised explosive-device-making material over 15 days. The police arrested Dr. Rather on November 5 from Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, where he was working at a private hospital.

During their investigation following the blast, security agencies found that Dr. Umar ul Nabi – also working in Al Falah "wanted" by the police, missing since October 7, and part of the 'white collar' terror module – was at the wheel of the white car that had gone up in flames that day. He died in the incident.

CCTV footage retrieved later showed him entering the national capital from the Badarpur toll plaza in south-east Delhi at 8.04 a.m. on November 10. According to sources, the car was first spotted outside Asian Hospital in Faridabad at around 7:30 a.m. Dr. Nabi left the vehicle between 3:19 p.m. and 6:22 p.m. at the Red Fort parking lot. In the meantime, Dr. Nabi did a recce of several spots across Delhi, such as Kashmere Gate, Sunehri Masjid, and Daryaganj. As he bought the toll ticket wearing a black mask, cameras showed a large bag on the rear seat.

The security agencies suspect that Dr. Nabi panicked and triggered the bomb in haste as it was not properly assembled. Only a part of his body could be retrieved from the explosive-laden car. It was later matched with the DNA sample of his mother who lives in Pulwama, south Kashmir. Officials say Dr. Nabi appears to be the mastermind of the blast.

Posters that gave it away

Weeks earlier, on October 17, posters printed in Urdu appeared at several places in Srinagar's Nowgam area. They told local residents not to cooperate with police and security personnel and not give them space to sit in their shops.

Police recovered arms and ammunition from the house in Fatehpur Taga that was rented by Dr. Muzzamil Ganaie. SHASHI SHEKHAR KASHYAP

These posters piqued the curiosity of a senior officer in J&K's Criminal Investigation Department (CID) and he asked the local police to investigate them. After looking through CCTV footage, the police arrested three men – Arif Nisar Dar (22), Yasir-ul-Ashraf (19), and Maqsood Ahmad Dar alias Shahid (25). The men told the police they were asked by a local cleric, Irfan Ahmad (24), to paste the posters.

A senior government official says, "When the cleric was questioned, he tried to mislead us and led us to a person from Ganderbal – Zameer Ahmad Ahanger alias Mutlasha, 29. He had a pistol. We arrested him. It was when we looked through the cleric's phone that we found that he had been in touch with the three doctors: Dr. Ganaie, Dr. Rather, and Dr. Nabi. This raised suspicion. Why would a Class V dropout, who gave religious sermons, be interested in talking to doctors?"

According to the senior government official, the cleric, Ahmad, had been roped in by the doctors to radicalise others. "It was Dr. Ganaie who had asked him to circulate the pamphlets. The cleric had first met Dr. Ganaie in 2023 when he went with someone to a government hospital in Srinagar for treatment," he says.

The official adds that Dr. Nabi was highly radicalised and convinced Dr. Ganaie that the system should change. "He was upset with the present form of governance and wanted to establish Islamic law. They had been amassing the ammonium nitrate or urea, easily available in the market as fertilizers, over the last six months. The other two doctors [Dr. Ganaie and Dr. Rather] said that they acted on Dr. Nabi's instructions. He knew when and how the concoction was to be used," says the official. "As doctors, they knew a fair bit about chemicals and most of the items that they had planned to use for making the bombs had been bought from open markets."

Another official says that the plan had been in the works for the last two years. "It was to escape scrutiny and create a second base that the doctors, who were working at government hospitals in Kashmir, relocated to private hospitals in Faridabad and Saharanpur," the official says.

Officials say it was the posters that helped them bust the network, since the doctors had no previous criminal record. "We recovered an AK-56 rifle from the government medical college in Anantnag, where Dr. Rather had worked earlier. He said the weapon was not his. He said it belonged to Dr. Nabi, who had got it from a terrorist in Shopian," says the official.

On November 8, the J&K Police recovered an AK-Krinkov from the car of another doctor working at Al Falah University – Dr. Shaheen Saeed. Police sources say she was a close friend of Dr. Ganaie and knew that her car was being used by him to ferry explosives. They arrested her and picked up her younger brother, Dr. Parvez Saeed Ansari, from Saharanpur for questioning.

"Initially, we were happy that we had recovered weapons. Only when we raided the rented premises of Dr. Ganaie on November 9-10 did we realise the enormity of the case," the official says.

On July 30, while briefing Members of Parliament about Operation Mahadev, a joint counter terror effort to kill terrorists responsible for the Pahalgam terror attack, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said in the Rajya Sabha that no local had joined a terrorist group in J&K in the past six months. He said those being killed in security operations in J&K were all foreigners.

Investigating whereabouts

The officials say they are yet to conclusively establish the target of the attack or the planned dates of the terror strikes. "Dr. Nabi had a stellar academic record," says an official. "He was one of the best doctors in Kashmir. He had ranked first in his medical course. But he was raising funds and was also in touch with their handler in Pakistan." A press release from the J&K Police on November 10 states, "The group has been using encrypted channels, for indoctrination, coordination, fund movement and logistics.

> I gave him the room thinking he is a doctor and would be of help during emergencies. Who knew these were his intentions?
> **HAZI MADRASI**
> An 85-year-old resident of Dhouj

Funds were raised through professional and academic networks, under the guise of social/charitable causes."

The official adds that the investigation and operation to bust the 'white collar' terror module had been initially kept under wraps as Dr. Nabi and others had not been arrested. However, the press conference by the Faridabad Police Commissioner changed things. "We had alerted other States about Dr. Nabi but did not know about the intensity of the case then. The announcement about a press conference had been made a day earlier and it was all over the media. This possibly explains Dr. Nabi's travails across the city on November 10. We don't know how many explosives he had," the official says.

During their investigation, officials found that Dr. Ganaie and his brother had visited the UAE, Saudi Arabia, and Turkiye in 2022. That visit is now being scrutinised. They also found that Dr. Rather's brother, Dr. Muzaffar, whose last known location was the UAE, has been missing since September. They suspect he is in Afghanistan. The J&K Police have issued a red corner notice against him.

The waiting children

On November 11, a day after the blast, Sonu walked through the gates of the mortuary with his eyes glued to his feet. He had come to take away the body of his 23-year-old son, Nouman. "He had come to Delhi with his friend to buy some material for his cosmetic shop in Shamli [Uttar Pradesh]," says Sonu, sobbing. He does not know what happened to Nouman's friend.

More than 5 km away, a 10-year-old girl kept waiting for her father, Md. Mohsin, to return from work. "Mohsin had called his wife, Sultana, and had informed her that he would be late, but that he wanted to eat dinner with the children," says Shabeena, Mohsin's aunt.

In Dhouj, another 10-year-old waited, along with his three siblings and ailing mother, for his father's return. "My father, Md. Ishtiyaq, was supposed to take me to the eye specialist on Monday after he finished his lunch. But just when he had a bite of some roti, police officers came and took him away," says the child. The J&K Police arrested Ishtiyaq, the imam at Al Falah mosque, after 360 kg of explosives and ammunition were found at his house in Fatehpur Taga, which he had rented to Dr. Ganaie.

Ishtiyaq's daughter says he would receive a salary of ₹10,000 from the Al Falah School of Medical Sciences and Research Centre every month. "Everyone who lives in that area comes to pray in the mosque. Similarly, Dr. Ganaie too would come 2-3 times a week to pray. Sometimes, we sold him buffalo milk. But he never came home," she says. The girl adds that her father and Dr. Ganaie got in touch when her 7-year-old brother had to undergo an appendix operation in 2024, though he was not the treating doctor.

The aftermath

The Faridabad police scoured through the houses of the residents of Fatehpur Taga, a village 5 km away, where the imam had built a two-room house that he rented out to a couple and to Dr. Ganaie and which had been used to store explosives.

Salim, 67, a resident of Fatehpur Taga, says he never saw Dr. Ganaie and the villagers did not know the imam. "Ishtiyaq was not a local. He came from Mewat. He was an imam at the Al Falah mosque in Dhouj. That is all we know; he never socialised with people in this village. The tenants here kept changing," he says.

For Hazi Madrasi, 85, a resident of Dhouj, renting out his room to the same doctor has cost him dearly. "In September, he [Dr. Ganaie] came to rent a room. He paid me an advance and left," he says. On September 13, Dr. Ganaie dropped his belongings and never came to stay there, he asserts. Madrasi says he asked Dr. Ganaie for his details, but all he got was a handwritten note which read, "DOCTOR – AL FALAH Rent – 1,200, Advance – Rs. 2,400, paid on 13/11/25." Dr. Ganaie rented the room for three months, from September 13 to November 13.

After the blast, a few J&K Police personnel came and searched the room and seized Dr. Ganaie's belongings. "I gave him the room thinking he is a doctor and would be of help during emergencies. Who knew these were his intentions?"

At Al Falah University, students and professors have remained on campus ever since the institution came under the radar of investigators. The samosa and tea stalls are deserted. Security personnel stand everywhere.

A student says she had not seen Dr. Ganaie much. But after seeing his photo, she recalls having seen him in the emergency ward. Another student says Dr. Shaheen Saeed, a senior professor at the university, was reserved but professional. "She always came prepared and was quick to resolve all doubts, in classes and later," he says.

While investigations continue, recovery for many of the injured is a long road ahead. Shakir, a 35-year-old cab driver, is still in the intensive care unit of the Lok Nayak Hospital. He has incurred several burn injuries in his legs, ears, and face, and suffered a major fracture in his foot. "When Shakir regained consciousness, he first enquired about his passenger," says his brother, Taufiq. The passenger, Rinki Puniya, a resident of Haridwar, has also been admitted in the same hospital with burn injuries and fractures.

Taufiq says Shakir has not spoken much about that day. "He is not mentally prepared to talk about what he saw," he says. Given what he went through, "it is a miracle that he is alive."

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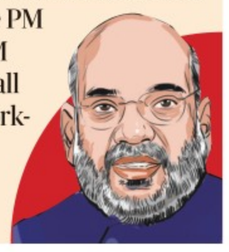
> A heartfelt salute to the people of 'Bihar Bhumi', the protectors of knowledge, hard work and democracy. I congratulate PM Narendra Modi, CM Nitish Kumar, and all the leaders and workers of the NDA

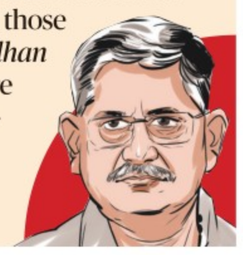


AMIT SHAH
BJP leader

> We [Congress] will conduct a thorough study of the results and present a detailed perspective after understanding the reasons for the outcomes. We are deeply grateful to the voters who supported the *Mahagatbandhan*

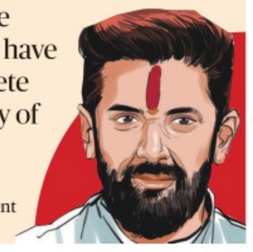
MALLIKARJUN KHARGE
Congress president

> The people of Bihar have voted for development. The voters have once again put their seal on it. I had earlier said that those in the *Mahagatbandhan* will be seen nowhere when results are announced



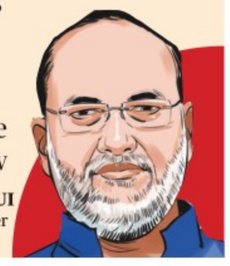
LALAN SINGH
Janata Dal (United) leader

> Arrogance is the cause for the Opposition's humiliating loss and it is the sole factor that led to its downfall. The people of Bihar have reposed complete faith in the unity of the NDA



CHIRAG PASWAN
LJP (Ram Vilas) president

> We [RJD] will sit tomorrow and analyse the results, what went wrong and what the shortcomings were. Whatever we have to say, we will say tomorrow



ABDUL BARI SIDDIQUI
Rashtriya Janata Dal leader

Women power: EC's voter turnout data shows 2.51 crore women voted in this election. ANI/@CEOBIHAR X

Women-centric schemes power Nitish's march to victory

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Two posters tell the story of Bihar's 2025 election for Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and his party, the Janata Dal (United). The first – "*25 se 30, phir se Nitish* (From 2025 to 2030, it is Nitish's government again)" – appeared in May, long before the campaign gathered steam. The second – "*Tiger Abhi Zinda Hai* (Tiger is still alive)" – was erected a day before the results were declared.

The first one was an assertion of the JD(U)'s primacy as well as a reflection of its anxiety. There were reports of Mr. Kumar's declining mental acuity. There was also speculation that he will be replaced, with the BJP promoting its nominee instead. The poster with Mr. Kumar, wearing blue Nehru jacket, placed against a yellow background with the slogan inscribed in black, was to underline him as the undisputed Chief Minister. However, his administration needed a little more than just rhetoric.

It was around this time that the seeds for the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana were sown. In his first term, Mr. Kumar began a network of women self-help groups under the World Bank-aided Bihar Rural Livelihoods Project (BRLP), locally known as Jeevika. This network has seen Mr. Kumar through various ups and downs. His administration decided to tap into this network once again. A one-time ₹10,000 financial aid was extended to 1.21 crore beneficiaries associated with Jeevika. It cost ₹12,100 crore, which is roughly 4% of Bihar's annual budget.

Careful consolidation of women voters

The administration looked at various schemes extending financial aid to women, including Maharashtra's Ladki Bahin Yojana, a monthly payout scheme which is straining the State's finances. It was a deliberate decision, according to top JD(U) leaders, to opt for extending a one-time financial assistance instead of monthly payouts.

The scheme was rolled out on September 26 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and the poll schedule was announced by the Election Commission of India (EC) on October 6.

The gamble paid off. The scheme consolidated women voters across caste lines, delivering anticipated dividends for the JD(U) and the NDA. The JD(U) was the only party to report a significant rise in vote share – from 15.39% in 2020 to 19.03%. The BJP's share rose only marginally, from 19.46% to 20.42%. This marks Mr. Kumar's second-best performance after 2010, when the JD(U) won 115 of 141 seats contested. As per the provisional voter turnout data released by the EC, 2.51 crore women voted in this election.

'Generational connection'

"It would be simplistic to credit the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana alone for the JD(U)'s performance. People voted for Nitish Kumar's experience, clean image, good governance, law and order, and progress," said JD(U) national spokesperson K.C. Tyagi.

The party leader pointed to various women-centric schemes of the Nitish Kumar government. "Kumar has had a generational connection with women. In 2006, he first gave reservation to women representatives in panchayat and municipal bodies; in 2007, he gave 35% reservation to women in the Bihar Police. His government pays for stationery and uniforms for girl children. The decision to impose prohibition also came directly from the women," he added.

BJP quelled discontent to ensure vote consolidation

Party micromanaged all allies and kept them on the same page, making sure votes were not split; senior BJP leaders held meetings between workers of JD(U) and LJP(RV) to iron out differences

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

BJP supporters celebrating the NDA's massive victory in the Bihar election at the party office in Patna on Friday. R.V. MOORTHY

Behind the BJP and the NDA's stunning victory in the Bihar Assembly election is not just the overwhelming support of women, who came out in large numbers to vote and surpassed men in many seats, but also the hard grind of micromanagement for vote transfer to all allies.

The NDA win has seen the BJP become the single largest party in Bihar, almost matching its spectacular performance in the 2010 polls, when it had won 91 seats. The Janata Dal (United) had bagged 115 seats, contesting 141 seats then.

The BJP's long campaign for the Bihar polls began months in advance when senior party leaders such as Union Home Minister Amit Shah and party president J.P. Nadda stressed that all constituents have to be on the same page – organisationally and on messaging. The message that all allies needed to pull their weight in these polls was an important part of the BJP's own big tally.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's frequent visits to the State and highlighting the governance model of the NDA, with emphasis on infrastructure and women's empowerment, as against 'jungle raj' of non-NDA regimes of the past, were the leitmotif of the campaign that the BJP stuck to.

There was also the shadow of the 2024 Lok Sabha results, according to BJP leaders. "After the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, people felt upset that they had not given a full majority to the Narendra Modi government, and that has also been a theme in the subsequent polls in Maharashtra, Haryana and Delhi, where we got big victories," said Mr. Nadda at the 'thanksgiving rally' held in Delhi after the results.

Behind the scenes

While data show that the large turnout of women is directly linked to NDA victories, the behind-the-scenes management of sometimes inimical allies and rebel candidates who were disappointed at not receiving party ticket ensured a smooth transfer of votes across the various constituents of the NDA. This micromanagement, led by Mr. Shah, contributed to this transfer of votes across allies.

For example, while the BJP and the JD(U) won 89 and 85 seats respectively, the other constituents of the NDA – Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) secured 19 seats (out of the 28 it contested), the Hindustani Awam Morcha (Secular) [HAM(S)] won in five (out of six) and the Rashtriya Lok Morcha bagged four seats (out of six). Thus, all NDA allies did well. According to sources, Mr. Shah, who spent 19 days in Bihar, held mandal to State-level meetings with workers of NDA parties for coordination.

Over 100 rebel candidates were in the fray at the beginning of the campaign and could have split the NDA's vote base had they contested. "Amit Shah *ji* did not schedule any programme for two to three days and met with as many of the rebel candidates of the alliance as possible. Most of them would only be satisfied if he gave them a hearing, and their anxieties were addressed," said a BJP leader from Bihar.

The 2025 election also had the shadow of the 2020 polls over it, when the LJP fought alone and managed to upset the JD (U)'s chances in at least 32 seats, where the LJP's vote share was more than the margins of defeat of the JD (U) candidates. Meetings were held between the workers of these parties to get them to pull together and make sure that any bitterness of the past did not get in the way this time around.

The BJP's team of Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan and Uttar Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Keshav Prasad Maurya, both considered quintessential organisation men, reached out to NDA workers and leaders. Amid the big ideas and campaign events, the hard graft of micro-detailing worked in the NDA's favour.

RJD's Tejashwi Yadav got only 17 days to campaign as the CM face of the Opposition bloc and this short period was not enough. PTI

Internal conflict, fight over CM post take a toll on INDIA

Amit Bhelari
PATNA

The RJD being rigid about Tejashwi as the chief ministerial candidate also cost the alliance dear

Poor performance of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA) bloc in the Bihar Assembly election has raised serious concerns over the leadership of the alliance.

The delay in its campaign, the internal conflict over seat distribution, and rigidity over the chief ministerial candidate are some of the major issues that did not allow *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) to take off.

Though its top leaders such as Tejashwi Yadav and Rahul Gandhi tried to show a united front in public, the infighting within the alliance impacted its cohesiveness. Selection of candidates and seat distribution at the eleventh hour, when the last date of the nomination was near, led to distraction among the voters.

The Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) being rigid about Mr. Yadav as the chief ministerial candidate also cost the alliance dear. The tug of war between the RJD and the Congress over the CM face had become so intense that the All India Congress Committee (AICC) senior observer for the Bihar election, Ashok Gehlot, had to fly to Patna to meet the RJD top brass.

This particular reason delayed the election campaign. Only after Mr. Yadav was named the CM candidate on October 23, did he start his election campaign.

Mr. Yadav got only 17 days to campaign and in this short period, he could only devote less time to every public meeting that he addressed. Initially, he started with 10 to 12 public meetings daily, but as days progressed, he had to address nearly 18 public meetings to cover all 243 Assembly segments.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi waves as he arrives at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi on Friday, after the victory in the Bihar Assembly election. BJP president J.P. Nadda is also seen. SHIV KUMAR PUSHPAKAR

Victory of pro-development, pro-people approach: Modi

Devesh K. Pandey
NEW DELHI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said the resounding victory of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar is an indication that a pro-people, pro-governance, and pro-development approach has been established as the new foundation of politics in the country.

Speaking at the party headquarters, he said the results had ensured that "jungle raj" [lawlessness] would never return to Bihar. The BJP, together with the people of West Bengal, would now uproot the "jungle raj" in that State as well, Mr. Modi said.

'Next is West Bengal'

Addressing the exuberant party workers, Mr. Modi said: "The strength of the BJP is its dedicated workers. Today's victory has also energised the workers in Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Assam, and West Bengal (where polls are due early next year)... the Ganga flows from Bihar to West Bengal. Bihar has also paved the way for the BJP's victory in West Bengal. I promise the people of West Bengal that together we will uproot the 'jungle raj'."

"This election has strengthened people's faith in the Election Commission. The increasing voter turnout of the poor and the marginalised in recent years is a major achievement of the Election Commission," the Prime Minister said, recalling the days when voting would end at 3 p.m. in Maoist-affected areas.

He said the Bihar election also proved that voters, especially the youth, took the "voter-list purification" (special intensive revision) seriously.

Chirag strengthens footing in NDA as strong show by LJP(RV) pushes tally beyond 200-mark

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

With the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) winning 19 of the 29 seats it contested, Chirag Paswan has consolidated his position within the National Democratic Alliance (NDA). Seventeen of these seats were previously held by the *Mahagatbandhan* (Grand Alliance) in the 2020 election, adding fresh gains to the ruling coalition and helping it cross the 200-seat mark.

LJP(RV) was formed in 2021 after Mr. Paswan's uncle Pashupati Nath Paras engineered a split, taking four of the five Lok Sabha MPs with him less than a year after party founder Ram Vilas Paswan's death. Even during Ram Vilas's lifetime, the party struggled to secure a strong foothold in the Assembly. Its best performance came in February 2005, when it won 29 seats, though the joy was short-lived as indecision over which coalition to support led to a second election later that year.

Ram Vilas and Nitish Kumar have had their share of differences. In 2007, during his first term, Mr. Kumar carved out the Mahadalit category to extend special assistance to the most marginalised Scheduled Castes. Of the 22 sub-castes, 21 were included, excluding the Paswan community, which widened the rift.

Mr. Paswan continued his father's anti-Nitish stance. In 2020, his campaign revolved around the slogan, "*Modi se bair nahi, Nitish teri khair nahi*" (No enmity with Modi, but won't spare Nitish). He fielded 143 candidates, mostly against the JD(U), but the LJP won only one seat, and its lone MLA defected to the JD(U). The JD (U) also suffered, slipping to 43 seats, behind the RJD and BJP.

The 2025 election marks the first time the LJP and JD (U) have contested on the same side. Given their fraught history, doubts persisted over their ability to work together.

However, Mr. Paswan toned down criticism of the State government. Sources said the BJP directed him to be restrained, as the NDA was keen to ensure Mr. Kumar remained the undisputed Chief Ministerial face. Mr. Kumar reciprocated, visiting Mr. Paswan's Patna residence during Chhath and spending time with his family, a symbolic gesture intended to signal unity to both LJP (RV) and JD(U) cadres.

Celebration time: Union Minister and LJP (RV) chief Chirag Paswan offers sweets to his mother Reena Paswan in Patna. PTI

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BJP	JD(U)	LJP(RV)	RJD	INC	LEFT	AIMIM	JSP
89	85	19	25	6	3	5	0

Women, alliance math lift NDA to massive win

Caste diversity, vote transfer efficiency and a slew of welfare measures deliver a landslide victory for the ruling coalition; *Mahagatbandhan*'s messaging on the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls proved ineffective and unaligned parties hurt it by splitting the anti-incumbency vote and weakening the Opposition's base

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The National Democratic Alliance's (NDA) comprehensive victory in the 2025 Bihar Assembly elections marks a major triumph for the ruling coalition despite the Janata Dal (United) having been at the State's helm for two decades. The decisive factor was not merely anti-incumbency fatigue failing to materialise, it was also the structural superiority of the NDA's alliance, combined with precise vote management and a cutting edge provided by women voters.

Alliance advantage

The numbers tell a compelling story of coalition efficiency. The BJP led the charge with a strike rate of 89.1%, winning nine out of every 10 seats it contested. Its principal ally, the JD(U), followed with an impressive 83.2%, while the Lok Janshakti Party (Ram Vilas) contributed 67.9% (Table 1). These represent an optimal conversion of vote share into seats, the hallmark of a well-oiled electoral machine (Table 1).

This efficiency stems from a strategic advantage: diverse caste and community representation. The NDA brings together parties with distinct social bases: the BJP's upper caste and OBC appeal, the JD (U)'s Extremely Backward Class and Mahadalit support, and the LJP(RV)'s Pasi and other Dalits' constituency. This diversity created a structural advantage that the Mahagatbandhan (MGB) could not match.

The vote share trajectory reveals this advantage. In the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, with the LJP (RV)'s full-fledged return to the fold, the NDA had already won 48% of the vote. While this dipped marginally to 46.7% in 2025, it remained robust. By contrast, the MGB retained its 37% vote share from 2020 – unchanged despite adding the Vikassheel Insaan Party to its ranks. More tellingly, this represented a three-percentage-point drop from its 2024 Lok Sabha performance, i.e. erosion rather than consolidation.

The head-to-head contest analysis underscores the NDA's vote transfer efficiency (Table 4). In direct BJP-versus-Congress contests in 28 seats, the BJP's strike rate was 89.3%. Against the RJD in 50 seats, it was 84%. The JD(U) similarly dominated its direct contests against the RJD with an 82.8% strike rate across 58 seats. These figures demonstrate not just individual party strength but, critically, the ability of alliance partners to consolidate votes behind a common candidate.

The NDA's victory was built on defending its strongholds while making strategic inroads into opposition territory (Table 6). In the Magadh region, the BJP secured 51% vote share with the JD(U) securing 47.2%. Similar dominance characterised Tirhut (BJP 48.4%, JD(U) 46.9%) and Mithila (BJP 49.3%, JD(U) 46.9%).

But the more significant achievement was breaching the MGB's base in the Bhojpur region. Here, the BJP garnered 44.7% votes compared to just 35.9% of the RJD, while the JD(U) secured 41.6%. The MGB's troubles were compounded by votes being split on its flanks. In Seemanchal, the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) re-emerged as a potent force, winning five seats, particularly in constituencies with over 40% Muslim population (Table 7). The AIMIM's 55.6% strike rate in such areas directly hurt the RJD and Congress, the traditional beneficiaries of Muslim votes.

Meanwhile, the Jan Suraaj Party (JSP), while failing to win any seats, secured 5% or more vote share across 39 constituencies (Table 9). The JSP's presence likely cost the MGB seats where victory margins were razor-thin.

Bipolar landscape

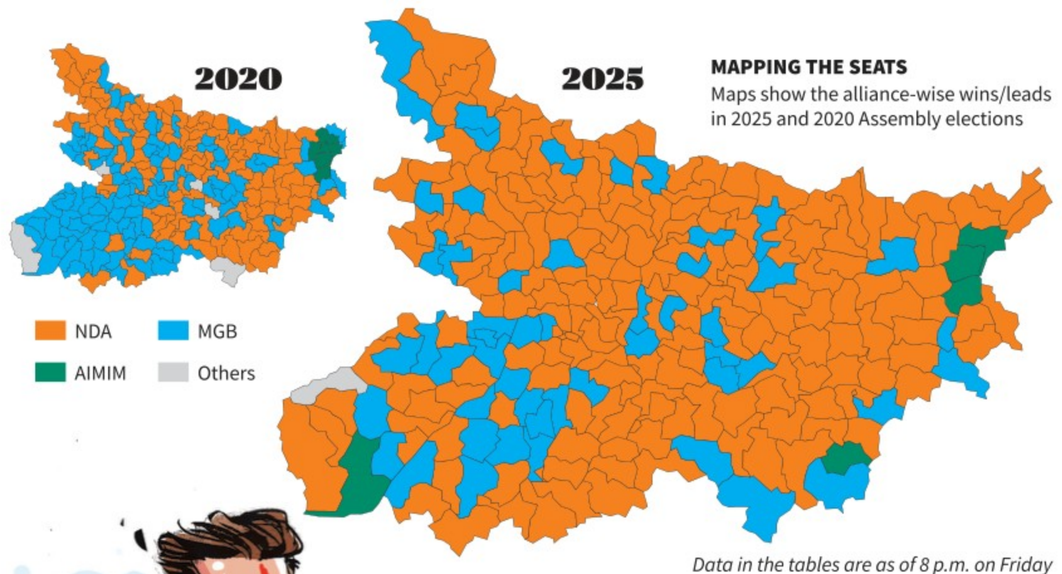
The sharp decline in the effective number of parties, from 4.57 in February 2005 to just 2.65 in 2025 (Chart 3), illustrates Bihar's transformation into a bipolar electoral landscape. This consolidation into two major alliances meant even marginal vote share advantages translated into disproportionate seat gains. The NDA's roughly 9-percentage-point lead over the MGB thus yielded a landslide rather than a simple majority.

The most revealing finding concerns gender dynamics in voting patterns. Analysis of vote shares by women voter turnout (Table 12) shows a striking pattern for the JD(U). In the eight districts where 53-55% of voters were women, the JD(U) secured a 24.2% vote share, higher than places where women's share was equal to or lower than men's share of the overall turnout.

This correlation between higher women's participation and the JD(U) performance is not coincidental. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's long-standing focus on women's welfare, from bicycle schemes for schoolgirls to prohibition, culminated in the Mukhyamantri Mahila Rozgar Yojana, which disbursed ₹10,000 directly to women, and reaped electoral dividends.

The MGB seems to have also lost out on its messaging. The alliance's focus on the Special Intensive Revision of the Election Commission, which it sought to use to mobilise voters, did not help. As Table 11 shows, the MGB led in just one constituency among those that the Voter Adhikar Yatra passed through in August 2025.

Taken together, the NDA's 2025 Bihar victory represents more than incumbency fatigue defied. It showcases the power of alliance architecture in a first-past-the-post system, the importance of vote transfer mechanisms, and the electoral potency of targeted welfare schemes. For the Opposition, the lesson is stark. In a bipolar landscape with narrowing margins for error, broad coalitions, efficient vote management, and specific demographic appeals are not optional, but essential for survival.



MAPPING THE SEATS
Maps show the alliance-wise wins/leads in 2025 and 2020 Assembly elections

Data in the tables are as of 8 p.m. on Friday

TABLE 5 | RURAL-URBAN
Contested vote share secured by major parties in the 2025 and the 2020 Assembly Elections across rural and urban areas

AREAS	BJP		JD(U)		RJD		INC	
	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020
Urban	56.4%	52.2%	0.0%	0.0%	29.6%	36.4%	38.3%	38.5%
Semi-urban	51.7%	43.8%	48.3%	27.9%	43.3%	42.2%	38.2%	41.4%
Semi-rural	47.7%	42.3%	47.7%	33.0%	39.8%	41.7%	31.0%	32.0%
Rural	47.8%	41.7%	45.7%	33.1%	38.2%	37.6%	34.4%	32.4%

TABLE 6 | REGION-WISE
Contested vote share secured by major parties in the 2025 and the 2020 Assembly Elections across various regions of Bihar

REGIONS	BJP		JD(U)		RJD		INC	
	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020	2025	2020
Mithila	49.3%	47.4%	46.9%	39.3%	41.2%	38.7%	37.3%	33.3%
Tirhut	48.4%	44.5%	46.9%	31.0%	39.8%	38.7%	33.7%	30.5%
Magadh	51.0%	39.4%	47.2%	30.5%	39.6%	40.2%	34.6%	33.3%
East	46.9%	45.3%	45.2%	34.8%	33.7%	36.1%	33.7%	36.7%
Bhojpur	44.7%	31.7%	41.6%	25.5%	35.9%	41.1%	29.0%	28.6%

TABLE 7 | SEATS WITH HIGHER SHARE OF MUSLIMS
Party-wise seats contested, seats won/led and the strike rate where Muslims constitute more than 40% or 25-40% of the population

	>40%			25-40%		
PARTY	Contested	Won/led	SR	Contested	Won/led	SR
BJP	4	1	25.0%	7	6	85.7%
JD(U)	3	1	33.3%	5	3	60.0%
LJPRV	2	1	50.0%	1	1	100.0%
RJD	5	0	0.0%	6	1	16.7%
INC	3	1	33.3%	8	2	25.0%
LEFT	1	0	0.0%	1	0	0.0%
AIMIM	9	5	55.6%	7	0	0.0%

TABLE 8 | WIN-MARGINS
The number of seats won/led by parties across various vote margin ranges. Margin is shown as % of total votes

MARGIN RANGES	Seats	BJP	JD(U)	RJD	INC
<1%	16	3	3	3	3
1 to 2.5%	18	5	5	5	0
2.5 to 5%	29	12	7	7	1
5 to 10%	67	26	19	7	2
>10%	113	45	49	3	0

TABLE 9 | OUTSIDE FACTORS
Vote share ranges secured by AIMIM and JSP in the seats they fielded candidates

VOTE SHARE RANGES	AIMIM (seats)	JSP (seats)
<1%	0	13
1 to 5%	9	186
5 to 10%	8	30
10 to 15%	2	6
>15%	9	3

TABLE 10 | SEATS RESERVED FOR SC
The number of seats contested and the strike rate of parties in the constituencies reserved for Scheduled Caste

PARTY	2025	SR (%)	2020	SR (%)
BJP	11	100%	15	60%
JD(U)	15	93.3%	17	47.1%
LJP (RV)	8	62.5%	0	0%
RJD	19	21.1%	19	47.4%
INC	11	0%	13	30.8%
LEFT	8	0%	6	66.7%

LEFT includes CPI, CPI(M), CPI(ML)(L) | Data for 2024 is based on Assembly Segments | Data for all years are based on current alliances

TABLE 1 | STRIKE RATE
Number of seats a party won/led by the number of seats it contested

PARTY	2025	2020	2024
BJP	89.1%	67.3%	65.4%
JD(U)	83.2%	37.4%	74.2%
LJP (RV)	67.9%	0%	96.7%
RJD	17.5%	52.1%	26.1%
INC	9.8%	27.1%	22.2%
CPI(ML)(L)	10%	63.2%	60%
VIP	0%	30.8%	5.6%

CHART 3 | EFFECTIVE NUMBER OF PARTIES (ENOP)
The effective number of parties is an index that measures the number of significant political parties using the Laakso-Taagepera index

TABLE 11 | SEATS ALONG VOTER ADHIKAR YATRA ROUTE
Party-wise number of seats contested and the strike rate in seats along the Voter Adhikar Yatra route

PARTY	2025 Contested	2025 SR (%)	2020 Contested	2020 SR (%)
BJP	18	100%	19	73.7%
JD(U)	8	87.5%	9	55.6%
LJP (RV)	1	100%	0	0%
RJD	14	0%	15	40%
INC	16	6.2%	15	33.3%
LEFT	1	0%	1	0%

TABLE 2 | CONTESTED VOTE SHARE
Share of votes a party secured in the constituencies it contested

PARTY	2025	2020	2024
BJP	48.6%	42.6%	49.3%
JD(U)	46.3%	32.8%	46.7%
LJP (RV)	43.2%	0.0%	53.0%
RJD	38.9%	39.0%	39.7%
INC	34.0%	32.9%	41.2%
CPI(ML)(L)	35.7%	41.4%	40.4%

TABLE 4 | HEAD TO HEAD
The BJP won close to 90% of head-to-head contests against the Congress and the RJD. The MGB parties had a slightly better strike rate against the JD(U)

HEAD TO HEAD	Seats	NDA win/led	MGB win/led	NDA SR (%)	MGB SR (%)
BJP Vs INC	28	**25**	3	89.3%	10%
BJP Vs RJD	50	**42**	5	84%	10.6%
BJP Vs Left	11	**11**	0	100.0%	0.0%
JD(U) Vs RJD	58	**48**	9	82.8%	15.5%
JD(U) Vs Left	14	**12**	2	85.7%	14.3%
JD(U) Vs INC	19	**15**	3	78.9%	15.8%

TABLE 12 | HIGHER SHARE OF WOMEN VOTERS
Districts where the % of women voters in 2025 was 53%-55%, 51%-52%, 50%, <50% and party-wise vote share in these districts

% OF WOMEN IN THE TOTAL VOTERS	Districts	JD(U)'s vote share	BJP's vote share	INC's vote share	RJD's vote share
53%-55%	8	24.2%	19.4%	8.2%	22.5%
51%-52%	8	18.9%	20.3%	9.2%	23.5%
50%	9	15.8%	20.8%	9.8%	23.0%
<50%	13	19.3%	20.0%	7.6%	22.7%

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Assembly poll: NDA takes Bihar by storm

More than 15 seats saw a narrow victory margin of less than 5,000 votes, while there are more than 17 seats where the margin is less than 10,000 votes. In more than 10 seats, the margin crossed 40,000 votes, including in Rupauli, where the JD (U)'s Kaladhar Prasad Mandal won the election with a margin of 73,572 votes, the highest among the NDA candidates.

Heading towards a landslide victory, Mr. Kumar posted a message on X saying, "The people of the State have expressed their confidence in our government by giving us a massive majority." He added: "The NDA alliance has achieved a massive majority in this election by demonstrating complete unity. With the support of all of you, Bihar will progress even further."

Mr. Kumar's decision to more than double the State's pension for the elderly, disabled people, and widows from ₹400 to ₹1,100 played a major role. In an election where women voters outnumbered men, however, it is the ₹10,000 paid out to around 1.25 crore women in the last two months before the election that seems to have been pivotal.

The Opposition's Chief Ministerial face and RJD leader Tejashwi Yadav did not issue any statement. His *Mahagatbandhan* ally, the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) chief Mukesh Sahni said, "There is no problem right now. Those who won deserve the congratulations.The cash scheme of the government worked in the favour of NDA."

Congress spokesperson Rajesh Rathore said, "We will certainly review the unexpected results of the Bihar Assembly elections. While we respect the mandate of the people of Bihar, we assure them that we will continue to fight strongly on public issues and raise their voices for their rights."

Digital Personal Data Protection Act notified

It may take until May 2027 for large tech firms to be subject to the full force of the Act, which also provides for the constitution of the Data Protection Board of India (DPBI) by the Centre.

Another notification – there were a total of four on Friday – sets the number of members in the DPBI at four. The board can hold inquiries in response to complaints and impose penalties in case of data breaches. The board's members, who have not yet been chosen, will be appointed by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

The DPDP Act, 2023, has gone through three major drafts since 2017, with the first draft in 2018 imposing conditions like data localisation that were furiously resisted by technology firms. The latest version of the Act, which strips out many of the requirements of the original draft, has been relatively better received among large Indian and global tech firms, which as "significant data fiduciaries," would face additional compliance requirements.

Nasscom, which represents the main IT and technology firms, said in a statement issued through its Data Security Council of India (DSCI) initiative that it welcomed the Rules, but had problems with the Act that could not be solved by "subordinate legislation", such as tight rules around parental consent and short disclosure deadlines for breaches.

"On international data transfers, Nasscom-DSCI recognises the importance of developing mechanisms that support interoperability and facilitate co-operation with India's key trading partners," Nasscom said.

Delhi-based digital rights advocacy Internet Freedom Foundation said the notified Rules "do not address key structural concerns repeatedly raised by civil society" and rued the fact that they "[defer] most core obligations and rights" by a year and a half. The Rules "provides statutory backing for enabling personal data collection by state agencies with scant oversight, thereby entrenching state control over personal data," the IFF said.

Cong. blames 'vote *chori*', SIR after poor show in polls

Sandeep Phukan
NEW DELHI

The collapse of the *Mahagatbandhan*, the Opposition grand alliance, in the Bihar Assembly election on Friday prompted Congress leaders to pin the blame on alleged 'vote *chori* (theft)' and the special intensive revision (SIR) of the electoral rolls in the State.

In an X post, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi said that the elections have been unfair. "This result in Bihar is truly surprising. We could not achieve victory in an election that was not fair from the very beginning. The Congress Party and the INDIA alliance will deeply review this result and make their efforts to save democracy even more effective," he said.

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge said that the party would conduct "a thorough study of the election results and will present a detailed perspective after understanding the reasons for the outcomes". Former Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot accused the Election Commission of India of "colluding" with Bihar's ruling coalition, saying cash transfers, including ₹10,000 for women, continued despite the model of conduct.

Cong., BJP bag two seats each; NC loses stronghold

PDP wrests Budgam from NC; BJP wins big in Odisha's Nuapada; Congress bags one seat each in Rajasthan and Telangana; MNF, AAP and JMM retain Dampa, Tarn Taran and Ghatshila respectively

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Ruling parties lost four of the eight Assembly constituencies across five States and one Union Territory which went to byelection on November 11.

The National Conference (NC) suffered a major setback in its stronghold in Jammu and Kashmir, while the Congress registered gains in Rajasthan and Telangana.

It was a surprise outcome in Budgam as the Opposition People's Democratic Party (PDP) wrested the seat from the NC, marking the party's first-ever defeat in the central Kashmir stronghold since Assembly elections began in 1957.

PDP candidate Aga Syed Muntazir defeated NC's Aga Syed Mehmood by 4,478 votes. The seat fell vacant after Chief Minister Omar Abdullah vacated it last year, opting to retain Ganderbal.

The BJP secured a win in Jammu and Kashmir's Nagrota constituency, where Devyani Rana defeated Jammu and Kashmir National Panthers Party's Harsh Dev Singh by 24,647 votes. NC's Shamim Begum lost her deposit, polling just 10,872 votes. The bypoll was necessitated by the death of Ms. Rana's father and former MLA Devender Singh Rana.

Jubilant outcome: PDP candidate Aga Syed Muntazir Mehdi and BJP nominee Devyani Rana (right) emerged victorious in the J&K seats of Budgam and Nagrota, respectively. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT, ANI

In Mizoram, the Opposition Mizo National Front (MNF) retained the Dampa seat, with R. Lalthangliana defeating Vanlalsailova of the ruling Zoram People's Movement by 562 votes.

Poll highlights

The Congress won two seats and the BJP one more, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) also picked up a seat each in the bypolls held in Anta (Rajasthan), Ghatshila (Jharkhand), Jubilee Hills (Telangana), Tarn Taran (Punjab) and Nuapada (Odisha).

In Rajasthan's Anta, Congress candidate Pramod Jain Bhaya beat BJP's Morpal Suman by 15,612 votes. The bypoll followed the disqualification of BJP MLA Kanwar Lal Meena after his criminal conviction.

In Telangana, the Congress won the Jubilee Hills seat, where the party's V. Naveen Yadav defeated Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) candidate Maganti Sunitha by 24,729 votes. The seat had fallen vacant after the death of BRS MLA Maganti Gopinath.

The BJP registered a big victory in Odisha's Nuapada, where its candidate Jay Dholakia defeated the Congress' Ghasi Ram Majhi by 83,748 votes. Mr. Dholakia is the son of former BJD MLA Rajendra Dholakia, whose death led to the bypoll.

The ruling AAP retained Punjab's Tarn Taran seat with Harmeet Singh Sandhu defeating Shiromani Akali Dal's (SAD) Sukhwinder Kaur Randhawa by 12,091 votes. The seat fell vacant following the death of AAP MLA Kashmir Singh Sohal.

In Jharkhand's Ghatshila, JMM's Somesh Chandra Soren beat BJP's Babulal Soren by over 38,500 votes. The byelection was held following the death of JMM MLA Ramdas Soren.

Kishor's Jan Suraaj fails to open account in Bihar polls

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

The poor showing by newbie political outfit Jan Suraaj Party (JSP), led by Prashant Kishor, was one of the major outcomes of the Bihar Assembly election, with the party failing to register a single victory.

Launched with great hype and on the back of a three-year mass contact programme, the JSP was considered one of the big unknowables of the election.

The JSP fielded 234 candidates for the 243-member Bihar Assembly, but according to sources, the decision by Mr. Kishor to not contest the polls himself took the momentum out of the campaign.

Political scientist Ashwani Kumar, however, has a different assessment. "He failed to read Bihar, which is surprising considering he was by Nitish Kumar's side in 2015, when the *Mahagatbandhan* trounced the NDA," he said.

"What we saw with Prashant Kishor was, as the Americans put it, astro turf politics. He lacked the art of the possible, when compared to the work of someone like Nitish Kumar, who created the Extremely Backward Classes (EBC) vote bank from the larger Mandal challenge," Professor Kumar said.

Security forces demolish house of Delhi car blast accused in Pulwama

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

The residential house of Umar Nabi, whom security agencies identified as the one who drove an explosive-laden car on November 10 at Red Fort in New Delhi, was demolished using explosives during the intervening night of November 13-14 in Kashmir's Pulwama district.

Meanwhile, Kashmir's chief cleric, Mirwaiz Umar Farooq, in his Friday sermon, urged the Centre to relook its Kashmir approach.

Locals said security forces came in the night and used explosives to blow up the house where Nabi, a doctor, and his family lived in Pulwama's Koil. No family member was harmed in the explosion.

However, the explosives turned the house into a mound of debris. Locals alleged several nearby houses also suffered damages.

Delhi blast case accused Dr. Umar Nabi's house, which was demolished in J&K's Pulwama district on Friday. PTI

The J&K Police issued no statement on the demolition of the house of the accused. The relatives also refused to speak to the media about the demolition. Earlier, the family had described Nabi as a "shy, studious, and religious" person. He died in the blast that left 13 civilians dead.

Officials said the DNA samples of the mother of slain Nabi, who worked at the Al-Falah college in Faridabad, matched with the bomber. Besides Umar, two more doctors have been arrested in Kashmir since November 1 for their alleged terror links.

Centre's lens on J&K

The Mirwaiz, in his Friday sermon at the historic Jama Masjid, urged the authorities "to seriously relook at their approach of dealing with the people of Jammu and Kashmir only through the prism of security and law and order". "Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee ji once said 'dayira of *insaniyat* and *jamhooriyat*' will address issues. It's for them (the Centre) to pay heed to it or to ignore," the Mirwaiz said.

Describing the civilian deaths in the Red Fort blast as "sad and painful", the Mirwaiz said, "People of Kashmir are the first to empathise with victims. What happened in Delhi, no cause, however, right can justify it. No religion can permit it."

He also expressed concern over the narrative "eager to immediately criminalise a particular religion or community".

J&K Chief Minister Omar Abdullah questioned the move of the authorities to blast the house of the accused. "After the Pahalgam attack, how many houses were blown up? Did it (terrorism) stop? I fear instead such actions fuel anger," Mr. Abdullah said.

Licences of doctors accused in Delhi car blast revoked

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The National Medical Commission on Friday removed the names Muzaffar Ahmad, Adeel Ahmad Rather, Muzamil Shakeel and Shaheen Saeed from the National Medical Register after they were charged under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act following the Delhi blast.

The doctors will not be allowed to practise medicine or to hold any appointment as a medical practitioner till further orders from the commission.

Investigations into the recovery of 2,900 kg of explosives on November 10 and the powerful car blast near the Red Fort that killed 13 people later in the day have led to the arrest of eight people, including doctors, while many have been detained.

In a notice on Friday, the commission listed the charges against the doctors and said, "Dr. Muzaffar Ahmad, Dr. Adeel Ahmad Rather and Dr. Muzamil Shakeel, registered with the Jammu and Kashmir Medical Council, have been found to be involved in the case on the basis of evidence collected by the investigating agencies."

The commission said such association or conduct was "inconsistent with the standards of ethical propriety, integrity and public trust" expected of members of the medical profession and attracts the provisions under the Indian Medical Council (Professional Conduct, Etiquette and Ethics) Regulations, 2002. "Consequent upon such removal, the said practitioner shall cease to be entitled to practise medicine... ," it said.

CJI to deal with claim that HC judge approached NCLAT member on order

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court trained the spotlight on Chief Justice of India B.R. Gavai on Friday, saying the top judge "must have" acted on the anguish of a judicial member on the Chennai Bench of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) who chose to recuse after recording in an order that "one of the most revered members of the higher judiciary" approached him for a decision favouring one of the parties in a high-stakes case.

A Bench of Justices Surya Kant and Joymalya Bagchi said the matter was of "vital public importance"

The SC transferred the case from Chennai to the NCLAT Principal Bench in Delhi.

and the "law must take its course".

The NCLAT's Chennai Bench led by the judicial member in question, Justice Sharad Kumar Sharma, passed the order on August 13 in an appeal filed by A.S. Reddy, the suspended director of Hyderabad-based KLSR Infratech, which is facing corporate insolvency resolution proceedings under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code. Justice Sharma is a retired Uttarakhand High Court judge, who was appointed to the NCLAT.

The Supreme Court Bench was hearing a petition filed by M/s. AS Met Corp Pvt Ltd, the operational creditor of KLSR Infratech and the first respondent in the case.

'Interference by judge'

"The judicial member has preserved the WhatsApp message he received and the number. The message came from the Chief Justice of a High Court... That is why the judicial member recused," advocate Prashant Bhushan, representing M/s. AS Met Corp Pvt Ltd, alleged.

"We believe the competent authority [Chief Justice of India] must have examined the available material and taken necessary steps as required. All these issues will be effectively dealt with by the Chief Justice of India on the administrative side," the Bench headed by Justice Kant observed. Justice Kant is taking over as Chief Justice of India after the retirement of Justice Gavai on November 24.

The court, passing orders on the judicial side, transferred the case from Chennai to the Principal Bench of the NCLAT based in New Delhi.

Enumeration forms given to over 91% voters, says poll body

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The house-to-house enumeration process is under way till Dec. 4; draft rolls will be published on Dec. 9

Enumeration forms have been distributed to more than 91% of people whose names are in the current voter lists in 12 States and Union Territories where the second phase of the special intensive revision (SIR) of voter rolls is under way, the Election Commission (EC) said on Friday.

The house-to-house enumeration process is under way, from November 4 to December 4, and the draft rolls will be published on December 9. The claims and objections window will be open till January 8.

Poll officials will issue notices, hold hearings, and conduct verification procedures from December 9 to January 31. The final electoral rolls will be published on February 7.

A total of 46,50,81,981 enumeration forms have been distributed in Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Chattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Lakhswadweep, and Puducherry. As on October 27, 2025, there were 50,99,72,687 electors on the rolls in these regions.

Kerala is lagging behind with just 75% coverage. The State government had asked for a postponement of the SIR process due to upcoming local body polls.

Completion percentage

West Bengal and Tamil Nadu, which witnessed large-scale demonstrations against the SIR, have covered 96.7 % and 87.7% of their voters, respectively.

Gujarat has completed 97.4% of the distribution, followed by Rajasthan (95.1%), Puducherry (93.6%), and Madhya Pradesh (93%).

The first phase of the SIR was held in Bihar, and led to the deletion of more than 68 lakh names from the State's electoral rolls.

SC to hear plea of Sahara employees on pending pay

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday agreed to list for hearing on November 17 interim pleas of employees seeking payment of their pending salaries from the Sahara Group companies.

The plea of Sahara India Commercial Corporation Ltd. seeking permission to sell its 88 prime properties to Adani Properties Private Limited is listed for hearing on November 17. On Friday, the CJI was urged by the lawyers that the interim pleas of employees be also listed as they have not received salaries for many months.

INBRIEF

Sanjay Seth stresses need to preserve military legacy

The third edition of Indian Military Heritage Festival began on Friday, with Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth underscoring the importance of preserving and learning from India's military past. "Our history is our heritage, and we must preserve it in books and learn from it to strengthen our military might," Mr. Seth said at the inaugural session of the two-day event. Emphasising the need for a resilient domestic defence ecosystem, he noted that increasing participation from the industry and young innovators reflects the nation's collective resolve to boost long-term strategic capability and expand global defence engagement.

HC seeks Centre's reply on 'blacklisting' of academic

The Delhi High Court on Friday asked the Centre to respond to a plea by academic Ashok Swain challenging a purported blacklisting order that has barred him from entering India. The court asked the Ministries of Home Affairs and External Affairs, the Embassy of India to Sweden and Latvia, and the Bureau of Immigration to file replies within three weeks. In his plea, Mr. Swain, a professor at Sweden's Uppsala University, said, the authorities were acting pursuant to a blacklisting order; the content and legal basis of which have neither been communicated to him nor tested against the procedural safeguards mandated under the Citizenship Act.

Officer accused of assaulting JKAS officer suspended

Facing the threat of mass leave by bureaucrats, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Friday suspended an officer of Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) rank for allegedly thrashing an officer on duty. The Lieutenant-Governor's administration suspended Sunil Singh, serving as the Sub Divisional Police Officer in Jammu, "pending an inquiry". On November 10, according to a letter by the Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Service (JKAS) officers to the L-G administration, the police officer along with his personal security officers, allegedly "assaulted, abused, and unlawfully detained Azhar Khan, a JKAS officer."

CBI arrests Singapore-based man in 'bank fraud' case

The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) arrested a Singapore resident for his alleged involvement in a ₹31.60 crore 'bank fraud' case. Acting on a tip-off that the accused, Rajesh Bothra, had come to India and was staying at a hotel in Aero City, the agency arrested him there. The CBI had registered a case against Frost Infrastructure and Energy Private Limited (FIEL) and its directors following a complaint from Punjab National Bank. The agency found that Mr. Bothra had played an active role in the case by providing forged Bills of Lading falsely showing sale-purchase transactions of FIEL with FAREAST and Gulf Distribution Limited.

Jaishankar to meet Lavrov in Moscow on Monday

Press Trust of India
MOSCOW

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will meet his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov in Moscow on Monday to discuss bilateral cooperation, the Russian Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

Foreign Ministry spokesperson Maria Zakharova said the Indian Minister will arrive in Moscow with an official delegation for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Heads of State Council meeting, which will be held on November 17-18.

"On Monday, November 17, the Russian Foreign Minister will hold talks with the Indian External Affairs Minister," she said.

She noted that the two top leaders will discuss current and future political cooperation and review key issues of bilateral relations.

They will also exchange views on major international and regional matters, including collaboration within the SCO, the BRICS, the UN and the G20, she said.

Plea in SC challenges suspension of patient care grants to PwDs

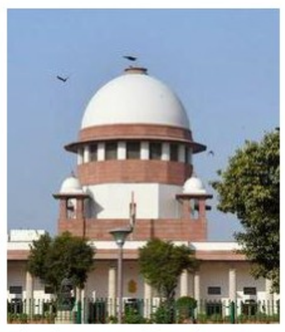
Petition opposes Health Ministry's notification stopping aid, says persons with disabilities working in healthcare institutions are a vulnerable class

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Friday decided to examine a plea challenging a May 7 notification issued by the Health Ministry stopping Hospital Patient Care Allowance (HPCA) to persons with disabilities working in hospitals and healthcare establishments recognised and funded by the Centre.

A Bench headed by Justice Vikram admitted the petition filed by the AIIMS Divyang Foundation, represented by advocate Rajeev Kumar Dubey, arguing that persons with disabilities who fall under the category of risk and hardship matrix in hospital work should be treated as a separate class and be covered by HPCA.

The petition said the May 7 office memorandum was in violation of core fundamental rights of people to live with dignity, equality and freedom to work enshrined in the Constitution and breached the provisions of The Rights of Persons with Disability Act, 2016. The petition also urged the apex court to frame appropriate guidelines for the grant of HPCA/Patient Care Allowance (PCA) to avoid future misuse or lapse in implementation.


The plea argued that the move breached the Rights of Persons With Disability Act, 2016

"HPCA/PCA is a critical security allowance, provided by the Centre to the non-ministerial employees and ministerial employees who are working as Group C and D staff of any Central government hospital or health care establishment, with 30 or more beds in general hospitals and more than 10 beds in super speciality hospitals and not receiving night weightage allowances and risk allowance," the petition said.

It said the 'risk and hardship matrix' covers frequent exposure to communicable disease, risk from biohazardous materials and hospital waste, exposure to hospital-acquired infections, etc.

"Persons with disabilities working in healthcare are already a vulnerable class. They are far more prone to getting infected than a normal person. This would make them a separate class within a class," the petition said.

Manipur tribal body seeks removal of 'Any Kuki Tribes' category

The Hindu Bureau
GUWAHATI

TIM says foreigners, specifically from Myanmar, have been using AKT category to get ST status

The Thadou Inpi Manipur (TIM), the apex body of Manipur's Thadou community, has urged the BJP to undo what it described as the damage caused by the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in 2003 through the introduction of the "Any Kuki Tribes" (AKT) category in the State's list of Scheduled Tribes.

The TIM said the present NDA government must rectify the blunder made by the first BJP-led NDA government more than two decades ago, "to ensure fairness, national security, and the integrity of Manipur".

The organisation had earlier said foreigners, specifically those who cross over from Myanmar, have been using the "redundant" AKT category to be considered Scheduled Tribes in India.

"A legislative action is needed in Parliament to delete the AKT category, introduced by the NDA government in 2003, from the Scheduled Tribe's list of Manipur," TIM's joint general secretary Manggou Thadou said on Friday after members of the organisation submitted a memorandum to senior BJP leaders B.L. Santhosh and Sambit Patra in Imphal.

The TIM team also sought the inclusion of Thadou representatives as legitimate stakeholders in any future dialogue, peace talks, or government-led negotiation platforms to ensure long-term peace and restore political stability in Manipur.

It stated that Manipur deserved a democratically elected government after a prolonged period of President's Rule, in effect since February 13.

The TIM further asserted the distinct ethnic identity of the Thadou community. "Thadou is not Kuki, or underneath Kuki, or part of Kuki, but independent of Kuki," it said.

Gujarat's Ambaji marble gets GI tag for its quality

Abhinay Deshpande
AHMEDABAD

Marble from Ambaji, Gujarat's prominent pilgrimage site and Shaktipeeth, has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its high-quality white stone, an official said on Friday.

The Geographical Indications Registry under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry has granted the tag in the name of the Ambaji Marbles Quarry and Factory Association in Banaskantha district.

A GI tag recognises products that possess unique qualities or characteristics linked to their geographical origin.

Banaskantha District Collector Mihir Patel said that the Centre's approval marks a proud moment for the region. "The Government of India has granted the prestigious GI tag to the pure white marble sourced from the sacred land of Ambaji. Along with its spiritual significance, Ambaji Shaktipeeth has now earned a distinguished place on the global map of the marble industry," he said.

Gujarat's Ambaji white marble officially given the GI tag during the Tribal Business Conclave in New Delhi. X/@COLLECTORBK

Used in religious sites

Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel also welcomed the development on X, saying the recognition was a matter of "joy and pride for Gujarat". He noted that Ambaji marble, known for its shine and beauty, has long been used in construction of religious sites.

Ambaji-based marble industrialist Kiranbhai Trivedi said the recognition reflects the stone's exceptional quality. He noted that Ambaji's marble mines date back 1,200-1,500 years, around the time the Dilwara Jain Temple in Mount Abu was constructed.

The enduring beauty of the temple, he said, is proof of the marble's remarkable durability. "In comparison, even the stones of the Taj Mahal show ageing, but Ambaji marble has never lost its purity," he remarked.

Known for its strength and high calcium content, the marble has also been used in temple construction in the U.S., New Zealand and England, he said.

Teenager among 5 killed as car falls into ditch in M.P.

The Hindu Bureau
BHOPAL

Five people, including a teenager, were killed in Ratlam district of Madhya Pradesh on Friday after a car they were travelling in fell into a ditch after crashing through the safety barrier on the Delhi-Mumbai expressway, police said.

According to the police, the incident took place around 7.45 in the morning when the sports utility vehicle (SUV), travelling from Delhi to Mumbai, broke the expressway barrier and plunged into a ditch.

The incident took place near Beed village under Rawti police station area.

Ratlam Additional Superintendent of Police (ASP) Rakesh Khaka told *The Hindu* that the deceased included a 15-year-old boy identified as Danish Chaudhary and a 70-year-old man identified as Ghulam Rasool. The deceased were residents of Mumbai, and their bodies have been sent for post-mortem.

The speeding car broke the safety barrier by the road before crashing into the ditch.

CCTV footage of the crash also appeared on social media showing the car speeding through the road and breaking the aluminium barrier before crashing into the ditch.

Probe under way

While the police suspect that the driver may have dozed off, Mr. Khaka said a probe was under way.

NSA Ajit Doval set to host Bangladeshi counterpart

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

In a bid to broaden security dialogue amid continued tensions with Bangladesh, National Security Adviser Ajit Doval will host Bangladesh interim government's National Security Adviser Khalilur Rahman next week.

An announcement from the Press Office of the Chief Adviser of Bangladesh said on Friday that, upon invitation from Mr. Doval, Mr. Rahman will lead a Bangladesh delegation at the Colombo Security Conclave to be held during November 19-20 in New Delhi.

"His participation at the Colombo Security Conclave in New Delhi is in continuation of the Interim Government's efforts to foster mutually beneficial regional cooperation," the Chief Adviser's Press Wing said.

The visit will be Mr. Rahman's first to India since he took charge as NSA on April 9, 2025.

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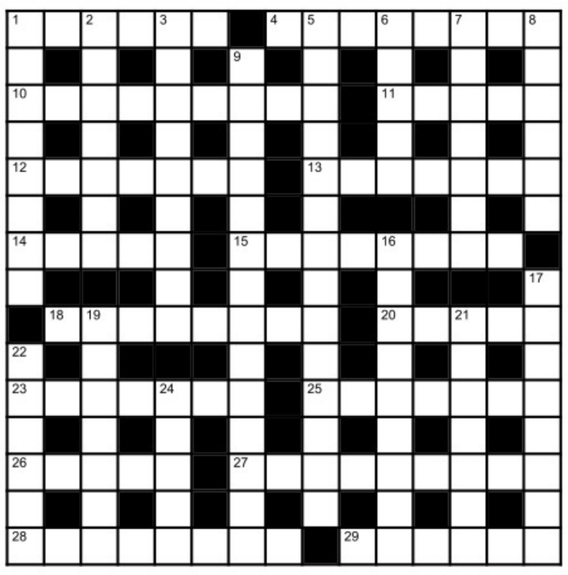

Across

1 Intrude - good to walk slowly (6)
4 Got egg-sandwiched pickle (8)
10 Annoyed as poor Niger is besieged by its neighbouring country (9)
11 In the middle of the carpet, a light-coloured frond (5)
12 German car is large inside, it's heard (7)
13 Essential point of a ruler making animal noises (7)
14 Cancel, as every year one leaves (5)
15 Angry Hilda had to retract, was pompous (3-2-3)
18 Just short of catching a fish - pretend to be sick (8)
20 One time go around the area of conflict (5)
23 Inflow broken - complete success (4,3)
25 Found one in support (7)
26 Strange man admitted - discharge (5)
27 Upheld after taken to court over slur (9)
28 Chance for two boys on a way to sell (8)
29 Short study over everyone showing paleness (6)

Down

1 Temperature uniform - can keep leaders out and hide (4,4)
2 Doug and Andy nabbed Idi Amin, perhaps (7)
3 Biscuit for the poor in Delhi, laid out (9)
5 Health professional treated arthritis with a dope (14)
6 Not bare-headed chicken (5)
7 Wine in Japan is terrible, heading north (7)
8 River has to carry flood water (6)
9 Learned people cross line, stealing it? (14)
16 Love a sailor - a subject raised (9)
17 The French support party, Republican breed? (8)
19 Apprehension about Mike getting support in his seat (7)
21 Forever an alien, learn to adapt (7)
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SUDOKU

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Solution to previous puzzle

Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Vishnu Sahasranama

There are several Sahasranamas, such as Siva Sahasranama, Lalitha Sahasranama, Lakshmi Sahasranama, Surya Sahasranama, and Vishnu Sahasranama. Additionally, various Vishnu Sahasranamas are found in the Padma Puranam and the Garuda Puranam. Yet when we hear the word Sahasranama, the Vishnu Sahasranama from the Mahabharata is what most often comes to our mind. While resting on his bed of arrows, Yudhishtra asked his grandsire, Bhishma, to reveal the ways of worship. The venerable Bhishma recited the Vishnu Sahasranama in the divine presence of Lord Krishna.

In her speech, Dr. Sudha Seshayyan explained that *"nama"* means the divine name, and one who holds the *nama* is called the *"Nami"* , or the bearer of the name. Thus, the *nama* refers to the sacred name itself, while the *Nami* denotes the one associated with or bearing that name. *Nama* is considered greater than *Nami*.

Hanuman, the manifestation of Lord Siva, effortlessly crossed the ocean by merely chanting Rama Nama. But Lord Rama, the *Nami*, could not cross instantly. He had to build a bridge, undergo hardships, seek the grace of Lord Varuna, and then cross the ocean. With amazement, Sita asked Hanuman how he crossed the vast and difficult ocean. Hanuman humbly replied that it was possible only through the chanting of the Lord's name, which enables one to cross even the boundless ocean of birth and death. This emphasises the power and significance of chanting the Sahasranama. Sri. Adi Sankara explains that, as a mother guides her child, Vishnu Sahasranama shows the path of righteousness.

INBRIEF

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles posts ₹76,248 cr. net

Tata Motors Passenger Vehicles Ltd. (TMPVL) on Friday reported a multifold rise in consolidated net profit at ₹76,248 crore for the second quarter ended September 30, 2025 boosted by profit on disposal of discontinued operations despite cyber attack at British arm JLR affecting its performance. The company had posted a consolidated net profit of ₹3,521 crore in the second quarter last fiscal, TMPVL said in a regulatory filing. PTI

MRF posts higher quarterly profit on strong tyre demand

Indian tyre maker MRF reported a 12.3% rise in second-quarter profit on Friday, helped by demand for its tyres by original equipment manufacturers. The company's net profit rose to ₹5.12 billion ($58.25 million) for the quarter ended September 30, compared with ₹4.55 billion last year. Revenue from operations rose 7.2% to ₹72.5 billion, while total expenses increased 6.6%. The company's board declared an interim dividend of ₹3 per share. REUTERS

Natco Pharma Q2 net profit declines 23% to ₹518 crore

Generic drugmaker Natco Pharma reported Q2 consolidated net profit declined more than 23% to ₹517.9 crore compared with ₹676.5 crore a year earlier on the back of muted topline growth. Total income increased to ₹1,463 crore (₹1,434.9 crore) buoyed by other income of ₹100 crore (₹63.8 crore). Revenue from operations declined to ₹1,363 crore (₹1,371.1 crore). The board of directors has declared an interim dividend of ₹1.5 per equity share (of ₹2 each).

RBI extends trade relief to exporters facing tariff headwinds

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

To provide relief to exporters on account of trade disruptions arising due to global headwinds, more specifically tariffs, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday announced a host of trade relief measures that could mitigate a part of the impact.

The Reserve Bank has permitted exporters to bring proceeds of their shipments in 15 months as against the prevailing timeframe of nine months in view of stress being faced by them.

Exporters are facing issues due to a steep tariff imposed by the U.S. on Indian shipments since August. The U.S. imposed a steep 50% tariff on goods from India, which took effect on August 27.

Currently, the value of goods or software exports made by exporters is required to be realised fully and repatriated to the country within a period of nine months from the date of export. The changes have been made following amendments to the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods & Services) Regulations.

These regulations may be called the Foreign Exchange Management (Export of Goods and Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2025, a gazette notification dated November 13 by RBI regional director Rohit P. Das said.

(With PTI inputs)

India, Canada cement ties on trade, critical minerals, investment

Both countries agreed to 'identify and expand investment and trading opportunities in aerospace and dual-use capabilities partnerships'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

India and Canada agreed to bolster long-term supply chain partnerships in critical minerals and expand investment and trade opportunities, the two countries said in a joint statement.

The statement, issued on Friday, followed a visit to New Delhi by Maninder Sidhu, Canada's Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade, and Economic Development, from November 11 to 14 at the invitation of Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.

According to the statement, the two Ministers "agreed to encourage long-term supply chain partnerships in critical minerals and clean energy collaboration essential for energy transition, and new-age industrial expansion".

Trade diplomacy: Union Minister Piyush Goyal with Canada's Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu in New Delhi. ANI

Mr. Goyal and Mr. Sidhu also agreed to "identify and expand investment and trading opportunities in aerospace and dual-use capabilities partnerships".

The engagement between the two countries has gained momentum again following the direction provided by the Prime Ministers of India and Canada during their bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the G7 meeting in Kananaskis, Canada.

Renewing momentum

The foreign ministers of both countries had earlier issued a statement aimed at "renewing momentum towards a stronger partnership", and which identified trade as the cornerstone of bilateral economic growth and resilience.

SEBI proposes to simplify offer document

Ashokamithran T.
MUMBAI

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has proposed to mandate the publication of offer document summary and rationalise disclosures in the document to improve information accessibility, according to a consultation paper.

The regulator proposed making the offer document summary available separately from the draft offer document and post it on the websites of the issuer, SEBI, the stock exchanges and those of the lead managers. While mandating the availability of the summary, it also proposed dispensing with the requirement of an abridged prospectus.

"The voluminous nature of the offer document may deter retail investors from reviewing such documents, thereby leading to lack of engagement and participation in the IPO process, including providing comments on the disclosures," SEBI said.

Adani Group to invest ₹63,000 cr. in Assam

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Adani Group will invest about ₹63,000 crore in Assam to build major power projects, including the Northeast's largest private coal-fired plant, and new pumped-storage facilities.

The conglomerate said its energy companies had received Letters of Award from the state government for two large power projects in Assam.

WPI inflation falls to 27-month low in Oct.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Wholesale price inflation fell to a 27-month low of (-) 1.21% in October, led by a sharp deflation in food items like pulses and vegetables, and lower prices of fuel and manufactured items, government data showed on Friday.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI)-based inflation was 0.13% in September and 2.75% in October last year.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	FRIDAY	% CHANGE
Sensex	84,563	0.10
US Dollar	88.66	0.04
Gold	1,29,400	-1.14
Brent oil	64.48	2.10

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	2516.80	28.60
Adani Ports	1512.70	13.70
Apollo Hosp	7420.50	-20.00
Asian Paints	2906.40	27.00
Axis Bank	1241.60	16.40
Bajaj Auto	8843.00	-24.50
Bajaj Finserv	2065.80	9.60
Bajaj Finance	1018.50	13.10
Bharat Elec	426.85	7.05
Bharti Airtel	2100.70	8.90
Cipla	1532.10	6.30
Coal India	386.95	3.75
Dr Reddys Lab	1246.00	11.10
Eicher Motors	6695.00	-160.00
Eternal Ltd.	303.75	6.00
Grasim Ind	2783.40	5.60
HCL Tech	1594.60	-3.90
HDFC Bank	989.60	2.95
HDFC Life	773.70	-8.50
Hindalco	803.65	-8.30
Hind Unilever	2427.70	20.10
ICICI Bank	1373.00	-12.90
IntGlobeAvi	5908.50	3.00
Infosys	1502.80	-39.00
ITC	408.15	2.45
Jio Financial Services Ltd.	314.90	4.20
JSW Steel	1167.80	-16.10
Kotak Bank	2079.70	4.50
L&T	4004.40	1.90
M&M	3698.60	-0.90
Maruti Suzuki	15684.00	-65.00
Max Healthcare	1103.10	5.10
NestleIndia	1271.60	-3.60
NTPC	328.45	1.50
ONGC	247.60	-3.25
PowerGrid Corp	271.30	1.45
Reliance Ind	1518.90	8.00
SBI Life	2000.90	13.00
State Bank	967.85	13.85
Shriram Finance Ltd.	809.30	-4.70
Sun Pharma	1757.10	19.70
TataConsumerProduct	1157.80	3.00
Tata Steel	174.26	-2.39
TCS	3106.00	0.30
Tech Mahindra	1439.20	-12.20
Titan	3829.20	-10.00
Tata Motors CV	317.60	-3.15
Tata Motors PV	391.20	-6.75
Trent Ltd.	4391.20	64.80
UltraTech Cement	11874.00	-60.00
Wipro	244.37	-0.96

IHCL to buy 51% stake in Atmantan

Indian Hotels Company (IHCL) said it had signed definitive agreements to acquire 51% stake in Sparsh Infratech, which owns Atmantan luxury wellness centre located in Mulshi near Pune, for ₹240 crore.

NEW ARRIVAL

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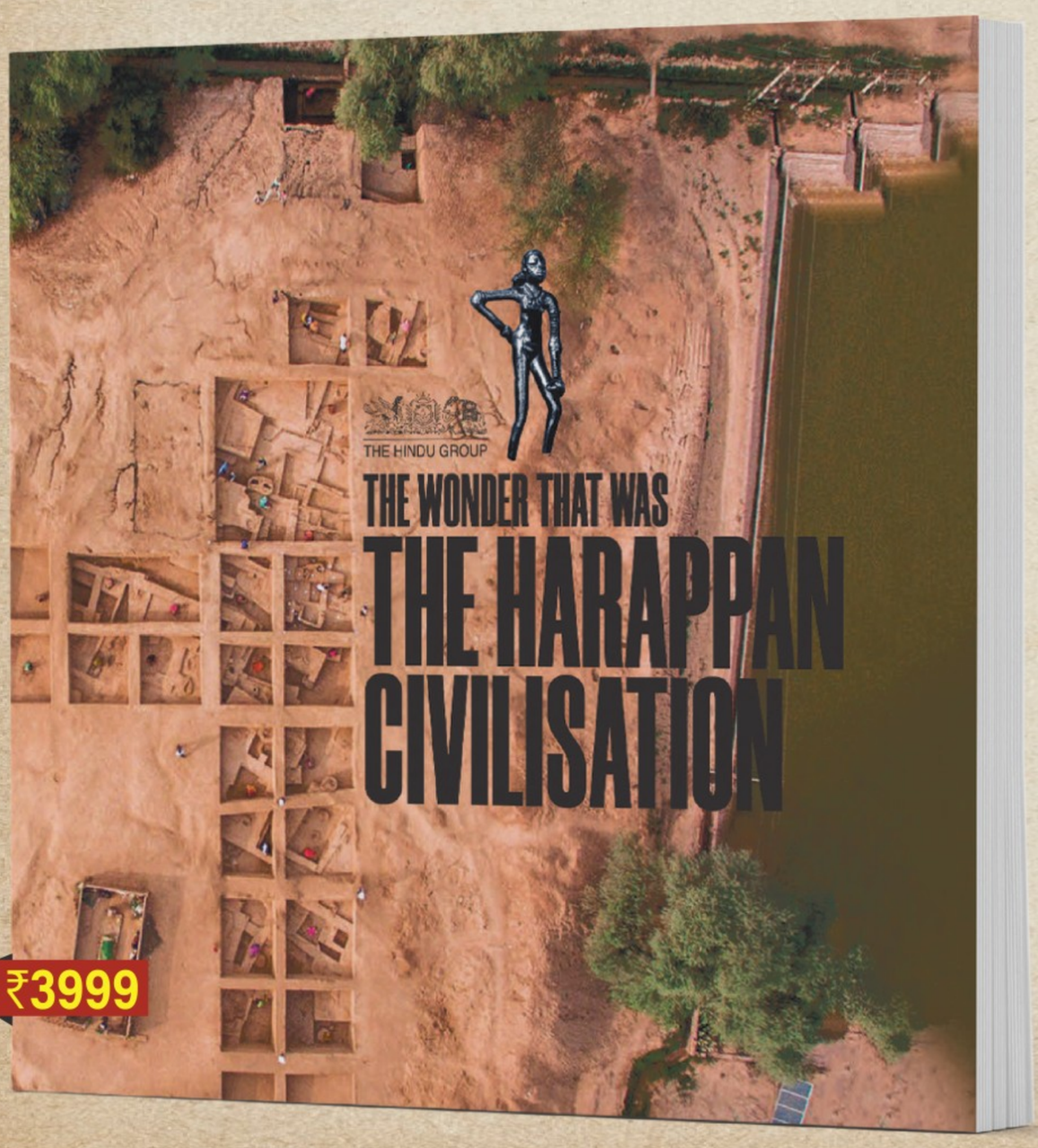
A SPECIAL PUBLICATION FROM THE HINDU GROUP

The Hindu marks the centenary of the announcement of the discovery of the Indus Civilisation with a new edition of the book 'The Wonder that was the Harappan Civilisation'. The book has a bonanza of photographs and 48 extra pages, featuring interviews with Director General, Archaeological Survey of India, Y S Rawat, scholars R S Bisht and Asko Parpola. There are new stories on the excavations at Karanpura and Padka Bet, both Harappan sites in India. A treasure to own.



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MOSCOW

Russia finds LGBTQ travel agent guilty of extremism after suicide

AP

A Moscow court on Friday found an LGBTQ travel agent, Andrei Kotov, who had killed himself in custody a year ago, guilty of extremism. Rights groups condemned the posthumous ruling as part of Russia's intensified crackdown on LGBTQ people under President Putin's campaign to defend "traditional" values. AFP

COPENHAGEN

Greenland passes law restricting property ownership by foreigners

REUTERS

Greenland's Parliament passed a law on Thursday restricting property ownership by foreigners amid rising U.S. interest. Only residents who have lived and paid taxes in Greenland for two years can buy land. The rule, effective January 1, limits purchases to Greenlandic, Faroese, and Danish citizens or companies. AFP

ISLAMABAD

Pak. arrests 4 from Afghan-based group over Islamabad bombing

AFP

Pakistan said on Friday it had arrested four members of a cell over this week's suicide bombing in Islamabad, which the government said was led from Afghanistan. The Tuesday attack outside court buildings was claimed by Tehreek-e-Taliban Pakistan (TTP). Those arrested were linked to TTP, according to Islamabad. AFP

LONDON

London judge finds BHP liable for Brazil's worst dam disaster

AFP

A London judge ruled on Friday that global mining company BHP Group is liable for Brazil's 2015 dam collapse that killed 19 and polluted the Doce River. The court found BHP negligent despite not owning the dam. Victims called it a historic victory in seeking justice, and BHP, facing a $47 billion claim, plans to appeal. AP

U.S. approves military sale worth $330 mn to Taiwan

China's Foreign Ministry said it 'firmly opposed' Washington's approval of the sale, which comes about two weeks after Donald Trump met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea

Agence France-Presse
TAIPEI

Taiwan's Lai Ching-te has pledged to boost investment in U.S. as his government tries to reduce Trump's 20% tariff on exports. AP

The United States has approved $330 million-worth of parts and components in its first military sale to Taiwan since U.S. President Donald Trump's return to office, the island's Foreign Ministry said on Friday.

Washington is Taipei's biggest arms supplier.

"This marks the first time the new Trump administration has announced an arms sale to Taiwan," the Foreign Ministry said, after the U.S. State Department approved the package.

Taiwan requested "non-standard components, spare and repair parts, consumables and accessories, and repair and return support for F-16, C-130, and Indigenous Defense Fighter (IDF) aircraft," a statement posted by the U.S. Defense Security Cooperation Agency said.

China's Foreign Ministry said it "firmly opposed" Washington's approval of the sale, which comes about two weeks after Mr. Trump met with Chinese President Xi Jinping in South Korea.

Taiwan's Defence Ministry said the sale will help maintain "combat readiness" and "enhance defensive resilience" against China.

Taiwanese President Lai Ching-te has been at pains to find favour with Mr. Trump, vowing to raise defence spending to more than 3% of GDP next year and five percent by 2030.

Mr. Lai has also pledged to boost investment in the U.S. as his government tries to reduce Mr. Trump's 20% tariff on Taiwanese exports.

U.S. to launch new military operation in Latin America

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

U.S. Defense Secretary Pete Hegseth announced on Thursday a military operation to "remove narco-terrorists," amid growing concerns that a U.S. naval build-up in Latin American waters could presage land strikes and a wider conflict.

"Today, I'm announcing Operation SOUTHERN SPEAR," Mr. Hegseth posted on X. "This mission defends our Homeland, removes narco-terrorists from our Hemisphere, and secures our Homeland from the drugs that are killing our people."

The post gave no details of what the operation would entail or how it might differ from military actions already being undertaken.

Pete Hegseth

President Donald Trump's administration is conducting a military campaign in the Caribbean and eastern Pacific, deploying naval and air forces for what it calls an anti-drugs offensive.

U.S. forces have carried out strikes on about 20 vessels in international waters in the region since early September, killing at least 76 people, according to U.S. figures.

Asked for clarification on the precise nature of Operation Southern Spear, a Pentagon spokesperson simply referred inquiries back to Mr. Hegseth's post on X.

Venezuela to counter

CBS News on Wednesday cited multiple sources as saying senior military officials had presented Mr. Trump with updated options for potential operations in Venezuela, including strikes on land.

Venezuela announced on Tuesday what it called a major, nationwide military deployment to counter the growing U.S. naval presence off its coast – including a newly arrived U.S. aircraft carrier strike group in the region.

'Iran seizes oil tanker in the Strait of Hormuz'

Associated Press
DUBAI

Iran seized a Marshall Islands-flagged oil tanker as it travelled through the narrow Strait of Hormuz on Friday, a U.S. official said, turning the ship into Iranian territorial waters in the first-such interdiction in months in the strategic waterway.

Iran did not immediately acknowledge the seizure, though it comes as Tehran has been increasingly warning it can strike back after facing a 12-day war in June with Israel that saw the U.S. strike Iranian nuclear sites.

The ship, the *Talara*, was travelling from Ajman, UAE, onward to Singapore when Iranian forces intercepted it, said the official.

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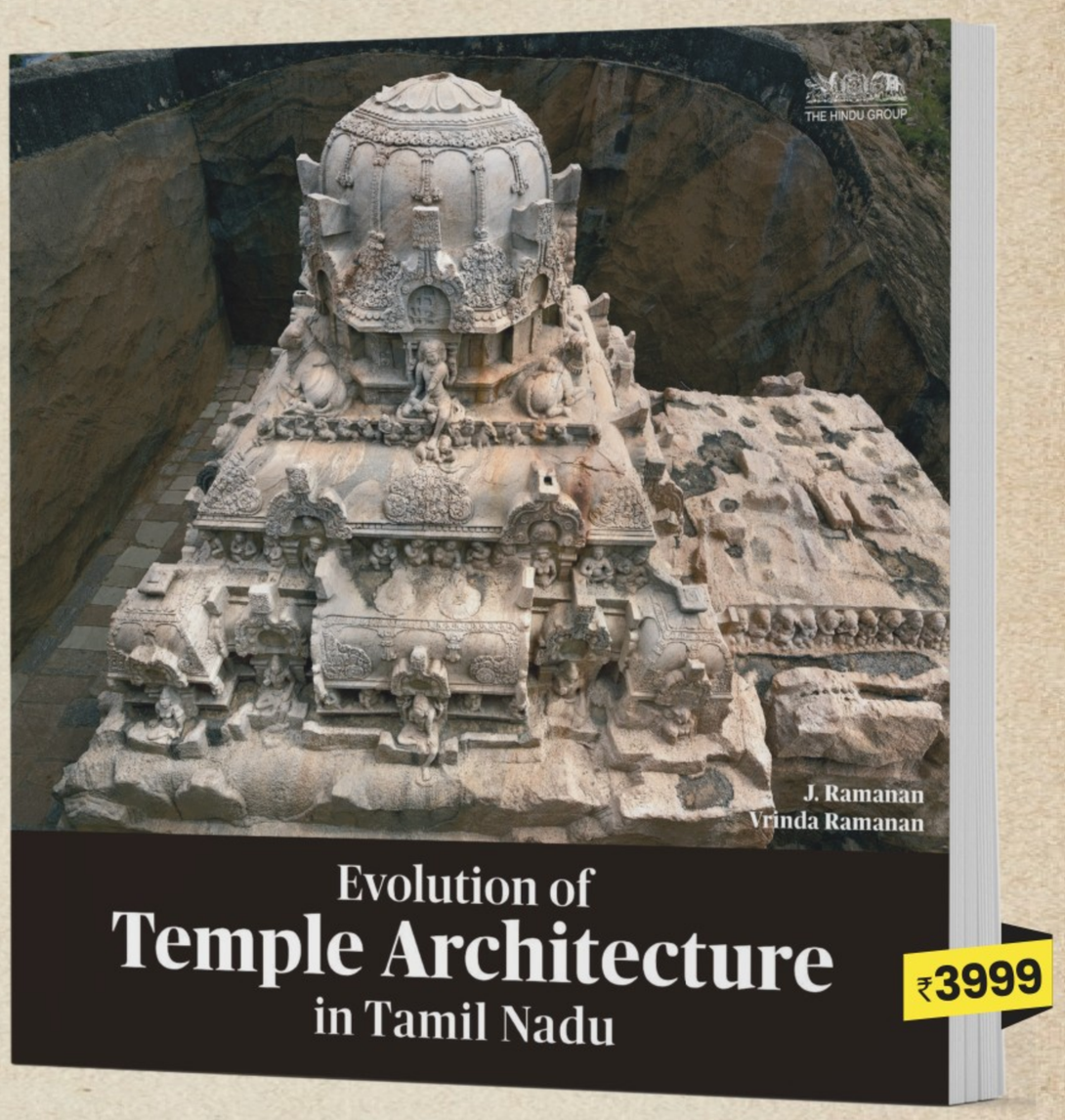

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NO QUESTIONS, PLEASE!

I try to take care of my body: Bumrah brushes aside fitness talk

K.R. DEEPAK

Jasprit Bumrah brushed aside chatter around his workload management. "I try to give my best in whichever format I play. These questions are not my questions; I will not answer them. I try to play as much as I can and take care of my body. I'm happy as far as I'm able to contribute and learn new things," Bumrah said.

TURNING TO TWEAKERS

Team India opts for a spin quartet in a Test after December 2012

K.R. DEEPAK

India picked four spinners (Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington Sundar and Axar Patel) in the XI for the first Test against South Africa. It was the first instance since December 2012 when four spinners — R. Ashwin, Ravindra Jadeja, Piyush Chawla and Pragyan Ojha — had featured in the Test against England in Nagpur.

GO FOR IT

Bumrah asked me to attack the stumps: Siraj on the crucial tip

K.R. DEEPAK

Mohammed Siraj revealed that Jasprit Bumrah urged him to "attack the stumps" as it was tough for the batters on the first day of the opening Test against South Africa. "Jassi *bhai* told me that the wicket-taking option was to bowl at the stumps... you will have get a batter bowled, caught or lbw when the line is accurate," Siraj said.

MAJOR SETBACK

Rabada's injury-forced absence a big blow: SA batting coach Prince

PTI

Batting coach Ashwell Prince said that Kagiso Rabada's injury-forced absence for the first Test will be a big blow. "KG is one of the top seam bowlers in the world. We've seen what damage one of the other best seam bowler in the world [Bumrah] could do. So, he'll be missed, because I think the surface is aiding fast bowlers."

Bumrah's mastery helps India take opening day's honours

The pace spearhead claims five to blow away South Africa for 159 after a blazing opening stand between Markram and Rickelton; Kuldeep and Siraj chip in with vital strikes on an uneven wicket; the home side reaches 37 for one at stumps

SA IN INDIA

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

When Jasprit Bumrah bowls, batters' individual agency is in a state of suspended animation. They can rarely choose what happens to them. Bumrah inevitably decides.

Friday at the Eden Gardens was one such day as the maverick pacer blew South Africa away with a mesmerising performance (five for 27) on a lively pitch with not-so-consistent bounce.

The 31-year-old's third five-wicket haul at home – out of 16 overall – helped dismiss the visitors for 159 paltry runs. And by stumps on day one, India had reached 37 for one, with opener K.L. Rahul (13 batting, 59b, 2x4) and one-drop Washington Sundar (six batting, 38b) – who replaced B. Sai Sudharsan in the slot, in what is becoming a musical chair of sorts – keeping vigil.

The hosts did have one less thing to worry about, for star pacer Kagiso Rabada missed out because of a rib injury.

The day's proceedings seemed like a cruel joke on Temba Bavuma's men. India lined up with a four-pronged spin attack – for the first time since 2012 – comprising Ravindra Jadeja, Kuldeep Yadav, Washington and Axar Patel, only for the punch in the gut to come from Bumrah's incredible sleight of hand.

In fact, South Africa prospered for an hour in the morning. After winning the toss, Aiden Markram (31, 48b, 5x4, 1x6) and Ryan Rickelton (23, 22b, 4x4) put on 57 convincing runs, with the former's astonishing six off Axar, after walking down two steps, the standout shot.

But it proved brief, illusory, and in hindsight, conditional to Bumrah's brilliance. First to go was Rickelton, who played inside the line and lost his off stump. In Bumrah's next over, the speedster surprised Markram with a delivery that rose awkwardly, and it flew off the bat straight into Rishabh Pant's safe hands.

Kuldeep, who toiled hard on an unresponsive pitch last week in Bengaluru in the India-A versus South Africa-A 'Test', found the Kolkata strip more to his liking. There was turn, and not of the slow variety, and both these facets played a part in his dismissal of Bavuma, caught sharply by Dhruv Jurel at leg-slip.

Wiaan Mulder (24, 51b, 3x4) and Tony de Zorzi (24, 55b, 1x4, 1x6) attempted to nurse the wounds and were successful for nearly 14 overs.

But a moment's rush of blood from Mulder, as he attempted a reverse-sweep off Kuldeep, proved fatal as he was adjudged leg-before.

Bumrah, who had bowled a superb first spell (7-4-9-2), returned for a second burst which read 5-0-14-1. He alternated between being a fiery expressionist and a subtle purveyor of the art of fast bowling as he mixed up searing yorkers with clever changes of pace.

de Zorzi was pinned to the crease and trapped in front, and Kyle Verreynne was toyed with and never allowed to settle.

Mohammed Siraj took advantage of the softening up and duly removed Verreynne and Marco Jansen in the span of four balls.

It was not long before Bumrah applied the finishing touches by getting rid of Simon Harmer and Keshav Maharaj with some furious wicket-to-wicket bowling, eliciting a thunderous applause from the 36,000-odd fans present.

Beaten all ends up: Rickelton is bowled by a Bumrah special. K.R. DEEPAK

SCOREBOARD

SOUTH AFRICA — 1ST INNINGS

Aiden Markram c Pant b Bumrah 31 *(48b, 5x4, 1x6)*, Ryan Rickelton b Bumrah 23 *(22b, 4x4)*, Wiaan Mulder lbw b Kuldeep 24 *(51b, 3x4)*, Temba Bavuma c Jurel b Kuldeep 3 *(11b)*, Tony de Zorzi lbw b Bumrah 24 *(55b, 1x4, 1x6)*, Tristan Stubbs (not out) 15 *(74b, 1x4)*, Kyle Verreynne lbw b Siraj 16 *(36b, 2x4)*, Marco Jansen b Siraj 0 *(3b)*, Corbin Bosch lbw b Axar 3 *(23b)*, Simon Harmer b Bumrah 5 *(5b, 1x4)*, Keshav Maharaj lbw b Bumrah 0 *(3b)*; Extras (b-8, lb-4, nb-1, w-2): 15; Total (in 55 overs): 159.

FALL OF WICKETS

1-57 (Rickelton, 10.3 overs), 2-62 (Markram, 12.1), 3-71 (Bavuma, 15.6), 4-114 (Mulder, 29.5), 5-120 (de Zorzi, 32.3), 6-146 (Verreynne, 44.1), 7-147 (Jansen, 44.4), 8-154 (Bosch, 51.6), 9-159 (Harmer, 54.3).

INDIA BOWLING

Bumrah 14-5-27-5, Siraj 12-0-47-2, Axar 6-2-21-1, Kuldeep 14-1-36-2, Jadeja 8-2-13-0, Washington 1-0-3-0.

INDIA — 1ST INNINGS

Yashasvi Jaiswal b Jansen 12 *(27b, 3x4)*, K.L. Rahul (batting) 13 *(59b, 2x4)*, Washington Sundar (batting) 6 *(38b)*; Extras (lb-2, nb-4): 6; Total (for one wkt. in 20 overs): 37.

FALL OF WICKET

1-18 (Jaiswal, 6.6).

SOUTH AFRICA BOWLING

Jansen 6-2-11-1, Mulder 5-1-15-0, Maharaj 5-1-8-0, Bosch 3-2-1-0, Harmer 1-1-0-0.

Toss: South Africa.

Magician at work: Bumrah was at his menacing best. K.R. DEEPAK

'Very happy with my performance'

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

It is not often that in a line-up with four frontline spinners, a fast bowler ends up with a lion's share of the wickets. But Jasprit Bumrah is no ordinary bowler, and on day one of the opening Test against South Africa at the Eden Gardens here, with a splendid five-wicket haul (14-5-27-5), he proved that he was a man for all seasons.

"It's very good," Bumrah said after Friday's play. "Whenever you play in India, usually it is the spinners who will pick up a lot of wickets. So, whenever you are able to make an impact, with limited spells, it feels very good. You know you will come in short bursts and you want to make an impact. Very happy with the performance."

South Africa's dismissal for just 159 can make the pitch appear devilish, and there were indeed instances - especially from the pavilion end - of inconsistent bounce. But Bumrah opined that nothing was served on a platter and stated that he had to persist and continuously recalibrate.

"Basically, it is the harder-ball game. When the ball is nice and hard, maybe the deviation would be a little quicker. As and when the ball became softer, the deviation lessens and then your accuracy comes into play.

"When I bowled the first over, everything happened. The ball swung, it stayed low, it went high. It was a little difficult to understand what the right length was. So, you keep bowling and figuring things out."

Patience was an essential virtue too, for Bumrah got his first wicket only in his sixth over.

"If you want success in Test Cricket, then you need patience," he stated. "If you are desperate and try to bowl more magic balls, then the runs come very fast. So, controlling your temptation, creating pressure [are important]".

Inconsistent bounce made it difficult, says Prince

N. Sudarshan
KOLKATA

South Africa batting coach Ashwell Prince said that the inconsistent bounce did not allow his batters to feel comfortable even after they got starts. Four batters out of the top-five crossed 20 but Aiden Markram's 31 was the highest.

"I think the signs were there pretty early that the bounce was not consistent," Prince said after Friday's play. "You expect batters to get to 20, 30, and grow in confidence, [but] I don't particularly believe that any of the batters grew in confidence because of the inconsistency of the bounce.

"You don't trust the surface as much as you should after spending an hour at the crease. And, when you face a quality bowling attack, they can more often than not get the ball in the danger area, and it does too much for you."

It appeared that India and South Africa read the pitch very differently. While India went with four spinners and two pacers, South Africa dropped left-arm tweaker Senuran Muthusamy to have a three-two pace-spin combination. Who comes up trumps, only time will tell.

"We didn't want to make any assumptions about the pitch before the Indians had a chance to bat on it," Prince stated. "K.L. [Rahul], I think, is 13 off nearly 60 deliveries. I know it was an awkward period to bat, but it would suggest that it's not a free-scoring pitch.

"Having said that, they [India] still have nine wickets in hand. There's no rush for them in terms of time. We want them to have at least 150 to chase in the second innings".

Suryavanshi's blistering 42-ball 144 sets up a thumping win for India-A

Boundaries galore: Suryavanshi's explosive knock included 11 fours and 15 sixes. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

ASIA CUP RISING STARS

Press Trust of India
DOHA

Young opener Vaibhav Suryavanshi smashed a blistering joint second-fastest T20 hundred by an Indian batter, propelling India-A to a thumping 148-run win over the United Arab Emirates in the Asia Cup Rising Stars here on Friday.

Suryavanshi made 144 (42b, 11x4, 15x6) and skipper Jitesh Sharma scored 83 (32b, 8x4, 6x6) as India piled up a massive 297 for four in 20 overs.

The UAE ended up at 149 for seven, with left-arm pacer Gurjapneet Singh (three for 18) leading India's bowling effort. Middle-order batter Shoaib Khan made a 41-ball 63 to offer a token of resistance.

But Suryvanshi was the brightest star, bringing up his hundred off just 32 balls to equal Rishabh Pant's mark made for Delhi against Himachal Pradesh in 2018.

Suryvanshi's dismissal temporarily slowed down India, but Jitesh picked up the speed quickly. Chasing 298 was never in the capacity of the UAE batters, and their genuine hope was just to keep the margin of defeat as low as possible.

The scores: India-A 297/4 in 20 overs (Vaibhav Suryavanshi 144, Naman Dhir 34, Jitesh Sharma 83 n.o.) bt UAE 149/7 in 20 overs (Sohaib Khan 63, Gurjapneet Singh 3/18); **Toss:** India-A; **PoM:** Suryavanshi.

IPL UPDATES

PBKS releases Maxwell, Hardie and Vishnu

Punjab Kings on Friday released Australian all-rounders Glenn Maxwell and Aaron Hardie, along with Indian domestic players Vishnu Vinod and Kuldeep Sen, ahead of the IPL mini auction next month, according to sources.

Maxwell had a forgettable run in this year's IPL featuring in only seven matches in which he made a mere 48 runs and took four wickets, before being ruled out of the remainder of the tournament due to a finger injury.

Hardie, who had joined Punjab Kings for ₹1.25 crore in the auction, did not feature for the team and is among the players released ahead of the mini auction.

Kuldeep Sen had joined

Maxwell. FILE PHOTO: K.V.S GIRI

PBKS for ₹80 lakh in the mega auction ahead of IPL 2025 but did not feature in any of the matches.

Similarly, Vishnu was last seen in action in the 2023 edition when he was part of the Mumbai Indians camp.

Shami set to be traded to LSG from SRH

Sunrisers Hyderabad is set to trade out-of-favour India pacer Mohammed Shami to Lucknow Super Giants ahead of the 2026 IPL.

SRH had acquired the services of the 35-year-old pacer for ₹10 crore at the auction last year.

"Both franchises have agreed to the trade," a source said.

Shami endured an underwhelming season last year with SRH. In nine outings, he managed just six wickets at an average of 56.16 with an economy rate of 11.23.

Once India's pace spearhead, Shami has also been unable to make the national team due to fitness concerns.

The deadline to submit the list of players the franchises want to release from their squad is on Saturday.

Knight Riders sign Southee as bowling coach

Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) on Friday announced the appointment of former New Zealand pacer and skipper Tim Southee as its bowling coach for the upcoming season of the Indian Premier League.

"Kolkata Knight Riders has always felt like home to me. I look forward to working with the bowlers and helping the team achieve success in IPL 2026," said the 36-year-old Southee, who donned the KKR colours from 2021 to 2023.

INBRIEF

Top seed Rathika wins Bondi Open squash title

Top seed Rathika Suthanthira Seelan clinched the second PSA title of her career after defeating fourth seed Kiwi Maiden-Lee Coe 3-0 in the Bondi Open final in Sydney on Friday. Rathika notched up an 11-7, 11-6, 11-7 win to lift the title without dropping a game.

Lakshya cruises into the semifinals of Japan Masters

Lakshya Sen registered an upset 21-13, 21-17 win over former world champion Loh Kean Yew of Singapore to storm into the semifinals of the $475,000 Kumamoto Masters Japan on Friday. Lakshya, who endured a lean patch before rediscovering his touch with a runner-up finish at the Hong Kong Open followed by quarterfinal appearances at the Denmark and Hylo Open, will now face Japan's sixth seed and World No. 13 Kenta Nishimoto in the last-four stage.

Bangladesh thumps Ireland by an innings and 47 runs

Opener Mahmudul Hasan Joy and captain Najmul Hossain Shanto scored centuries as Bangladesh defeated Ireland by an innings and 47 runs in the first Test at Sylhet on Friday.

The scores: Ireland 286 in 92.2 overs & 254 in 70.2 overs (Andy McBrine 52, Taijul Islam 3/84, Hasan Murad 4/60) lost to Bangladesh 587/8 decl. in 141 overs; **PoM:** Joy.

Barcelona's Yamal nominated for FIFA Puskas Award

Lamine Yamal was nominated on Thursday for the FIFA Puskas Award as the best men's goal of last season, with Brazil great Marta shortlisted for the FIFA Marta Award, the women's award named after her. FIFA picked 11 nominees for each award, which is voted for in equal blocs by fans online and a group of former international players.

LIVE TELECAST

India vs South Africa: 1st Test, day 2, Star Sports 2 & JioHotstar, 9.30 a.m.
Asia Cup Rising Stars: Sony Sports Ten 1 & LIV, 12 & 5 p.m.
Chess: World Cup, FIDE YouTube Channel, 3 p.m.
Football: European WC Qualifiers, Sony Sports Ten 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3, 5 & LIV, 1.15 a.m. (Sunday)

Coach Sreejesh: man on a mission to bring home the junior World Cup

The legendary goalkeeper, who has not won a medal in the mega event at the junior or senior level, is confident of his wards getting the job done

HOCKEY

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

India's legendary goalkeeper P.R. Sreejesh's career has been marked by many successes, but a regret remains: he has never won a junior or senior World Cup medal.

Despite playing in a junior hockey World Cup (2005) and four senior World Cups (2010, 2014, 2018, and 2023), a medal eluded him. Sreejesh, however, clinched the Olympic bronze in Tokyo and Paris.

Now, at 37, Sreejesh is aiming to change it, not as a player, but as the head coach of the Indian team for the FIH junior men's hockey World Cup in Chennai and Madurai (November 28 to December 10).

Sreejesh, who was part of the Indian junior team which lost the bronze medal playoff to Spain two decades ago, expressed his disappointment.

"In the four (senior) World Cups, we couldn't reach the semifinals. We were not able to touch the World Cup. It's always a regret in my career," Sreejesh said on Friday.

In his first major assignment as coach, Sreejesh emphasised on not putting too much pressure on the players. "Use the fans (and expectations) as your 12th man," he said, encouraging his team to see the tournament as a stepping stone in their journey rather than an overwhelming challenge.

Sreejesh also reflected on the Indian team's silver medal at the recent Sultan of Johor Cup, where it lost to Australia in the final. "The silver medal boosted our morale despite concerns over penalty corner conversions, which were addressed in the training camp," he said.

The team, led by Rohit, is confident heading into the World Cup. "We've been training a lot, and we are prepared," the skipper said. However, the absence of Araijeet Singh Hundal due to a shoulder injury is a setback, although Sreejesh is confident the replacements are more than capable.

India's Pool B features Chile, Switzerland and Oman, with Sreejesh suggesting that the real challenge will be in the knockout rounds (quarterfinals and beyond). According to him, the key will be to maintain high levels of performance in the group stages and build momentum for the tough matches deep into the tournament.

All in readiness: India is in Pool B alongside Chile, Switzerland and Oman. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Sreejesh.
FILE PHOTO: R.V. MOORTHY

The team:
Goalkeepers: Bikramjit Singh, Princedeep Singh.
Defenders: Rohit, Talem Priyobarta, Anmol Ekka, Amir Ali, Sunil Palakshappa Bennur, Shardanand Tiwari.
Midfielders: Ankit Pal, Thounaojam Ingalemba Luwang, Adrohit Ekka, Rosan Kujur, Manmeet Singh, Gurjot Singh.
Forwards: Arshdeep Singh, Sourabh Anand Kushwaha, Ajeet Yadav, Dilraj Singh.
Alternate players: Ravneet Singh, Rohit Kullu.

Esha claims bronze at shooting Worlds

Sports Bureau

Esha Singh claimed her maiden World Championship medal, winning the 25m pistol bronze at the ISSF World Championships in Cairo on Friday.

The 20-year-old ended up with 30/50 shots to finish behind Korea's Paris Olympic gold medallist Jiin Yang (40/50) and China's Qianxun Yao, who added a silver to her growing tally with a fourth individual medal in the competition so far.

Esha started well and stayed within striking distance of the top spot for the first four series of five shots before a disastrous fifth and sixth series that saw her miss three shots each and trail the top two. Although she tried to fight back in the remaining rounds, the gap was too much. Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker, meanwhile, finished a disappointing fifth, losing to France's Mathilde Lamolle in the shoot-off.

The third Indian in the event, Rahi Sarnobat, finished 54th in qualifying. The trio also missed out a team medal, finishing fourth.

Esha Singh. GETTY IMAGES

Archers Dhiraj and Ankita make history as India claims top spot

Sports Bureau

Paris Olympians B. Dhiraj and Ankita Bhakat became the first-ever Indian male and female recurve archers to win individual titles at the Asian championships in Dhaka on Friday.

Ankita stunned Korea's Paris Olympic silver medallist Nam Suhyeon 7-3, while Dhiraj defeated compatriot Rahul 6-2 in the finals to win gold.

Indian recurve archers added three more medals – including men's team gold, Rahul's silver and Sangeeta's individual bronze. Overall, India and powerhouse Korea were tied with 10 medals apiece but the former, which secured five medals apiece in recurve and compound, took the top spot for claiming six gold medals against the latter's two.

Giving a stellar performance, Ankita held her nerve to get past a more experienced compatriot, Deepika Kumari, 6-5 via shoot-off in the semifinals before defeating Suhyeon 7-3 in another tight contest.

Dhiraj beat Jang Chaehwan, a less experienced Korean, 6-2 in the last-four before getting the better of fellow Indian Rahul.

India, comprising Yashdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das and Rahul, edged past Korea 5-4 via shoot-off in a neck-and-neck men's team summit clash.

Hour of glory: Dhiraj and Ankita are the first Indian recurve archers to win individual titles at the Asian c'ships. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The results:
Recurve: Individual: Men: Final: B. Dhiraj bt Rahul 6-2 (28-28, 29-26, 28-28, 28-26).
Semifinals: Dhiraj bt Jang Chaehwan (Kor) 6-2, Rahul bt Seo Mingi 6-0.
Women: Final: Ankita Bhakat bt Nam Suhyeon (Kor) 7-3 (29-27, 26-26, 26-28, 29-28, 29-28).
Bronze-medal match: Sangeeta bt Deepika Kumari 6-5 (shoot-off: 10*-10, shot closer to centre).
Semifinals: Ankita bt Deepika 6-5 (shoot-off: 9*-9), Nam Suhyeon bt Sangeeta 6-0.
Team: Men: Final: India (Yahdeep Bhoge, Atanu Das, Rahul) bt Korea (Seo Mingi, Kim Yeachan, Jang Jiho) 5-4 (56-56, 56-56, 51-57, 57-53, shoot-off: 29*-29).
Mixed team: Bronze-medal match: Korea (Jang Minhee, Seo Mingi) bt India (Anshika Kumari, Yashdeep Bhoge) 6-0 (38-35, 38-37, 39-34).

France punches its ticket; Portugal, Norway still in wait-list

WC QUALIFYING

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

France reached the 2026 World Cup with a 4-0 win over Ukraine on Thursday, while Portugal was made to wait after losing 2-0 in Dublin as Cristiano Ronaldo saw red.

Norway must also be patient after Italy struck late in Moldova to prevent it from stamping its ticket to next year's tournament in North America.

Second-half goals by Kylian Mbappe and Michael Olise, as well as a first international strike for Hugo Ekitike, gave Deschamps' side an unassailable six-point lead over both Iceland, which beat Azerbaijan 2-0, and Ukraine at the top of Group D.

Ukraine and Iceland meet each other on Sunday in a shoot-out to decide who continues on into the play-offs next March.

Portugal would have secured top spot in Group F with a win against the Republic of Ireland.

But a Ronaldo red card for violent conduct when trailing 2-0 to a Troy Parrott brace meant Portugal remains on 10 points, three ahead of the Irish and two ahead of Hungary, which won 1-0 against Armenia.

Despite romping to an Erling Haaland-inspired 4-1 win over Estonia, Norway will also have to wait until the final matchday to wrap up its berth.

Forwards Alexander Sorloth and Haaland both netted doubles in the space of 12 second-half minutes earlier in Oslo, but the Norwegians had to wait on Italy's later match against Moldova before they could be certain of topping Group I.

Goal machine: Haaland, right, fires in Norway's fourth against Estonia. REUTERS

Ukraine and Iceland meet each other on Sunday in a shoot-out to decide who continues on into the play-offs next March

The results:
Group D: Azerbaijan 0 lost to Iceland 2 (Gudmundsson 20, Ingason 39); France 4 (Mbappe 55-pen, 83, Olise 76, Ekitike 88) bt Ukraine 0.
Group F: Armenia 0 lost to Hungary 1 (Varga 33); Republic of Ireland 2 (Parrott 17, 45) bt Portugal 0.
Group I: Norway 4 (Sorloth 50, 52, Haaland 56, 62) bt Estonia 1 (Saarma 64); Moldova 0 lost to Italy 2 (Mancini 88, Esposito 90+2).
Group K: Andorra 0 lost to Albania 1 (Asllani 67); England 2 (Saka 28, Eze 90) bt Serbia 0.

Ronaldo faces verdict on FIFA ban

Associated Press
GENEVA

Cristiano Ronaldo likely faces a three-week wait to discover the length of his FIFA ban ahead of the 2026 World Cup.

The Portugal superstar could be suspended for two or three games for the red card he was shown on Thursday for striking Ireland defender Dara O'Shea with an elbow during a 2-0 loss in Dublin.

FIFA has taken three weeks after rounds of 2026 World Cup qualifying games to publish a global list of disciplinary verdicts

FIFA declined on Friday to suggest a timetable for the case.

A one-game ban is mandatory and will be served Sunday when group leader Portugal hosts last-placed Armenia.

A win will send Ronaldo's team to the finals in the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The referee at first showed a yellow card but minutes later upgraded it to red after a video review at the field-side monitor.

The FIFA verdict could be announced after the Dec. 5 World Cup draw, when each team's schedule of three group-stage opponents will be known.

Decision pending: Ronaldo could be suspended for two or three games for the red card he was shown for elbowing O'Shea. AP

Zaragoza.
FILE PHOTO: K. MURALI KUMAR

BFC, Zaragoza part ways

Sports Bureau
BENGALURU

Bengaluru FC parted ways with head coach Gerard Zaragoza by mutual agreement, with assistant coach Sebastian Vega and strength and conditioning coach Ioannis Gkiokas also leaving the club.

Assistant coach Renedy Singh has been appointed interim head coach and will take charge of the first team immediately.

Under Zaragoza, who was appointed in December 2023, the club finished fourth in the ISL 2024-25 league phase.

He also guided Bengaluru to the ISL Cup final. In his 46 matches in charge, Zaragoza had a win rate percentage of 43.48 (20 wins, eight draws, and 18 losses).

Touch Of Grey expected to score in the Black Caviar Plate

BENGALURU: Touch Of Grey, who has been well prepared, is expected to score in the Black Caviar Plate (1,400m), the main event of the races to be held here on Saturday (Nov. 15).
False rails (width about 4m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 VIDURASHWATHA PLATE (Div. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 1.30 p.m.: 1. Agape (1) Sai Kiran 60, 2. Agrima (3) Abhishek Mhatre 60, 3. Higgs Boson (4) Angad 60, 4. Tyaaraa (7) Mukesh K 60, 5. Whitney (5) Ikram Ahmed 60, 6. Enjoyable (8) Vivek 59.5, 7. Ilia (2) Aleemuddin 59.5 and 8. Meghann (6) Laxman S 59.5.
1. ILIA, 2. MEGHANN, 3. TYAARAA

2 SHIMSHA PLATE (1,400m), rated 00 to 25, 2.00: 1. Assurance (7) Suraj 62.5, 2. Count Basie (4) Angad 62.5, 3. Queen Maxima (6) Pavan 62.5, 4. Turkoman (1) J. Chinoy 60.5, 5. Shock And Awe (5) Darshan 60, 6. Double Scotch (3) Jagadeesh 58.5, 7. Phoenix Surprise (2) A. Hangal 58 and 8. Southernaistocrat (8) Antony 55.
1. ASSURANCES, 2. SOUTHERNARISTOCRAT, 3. DOUBLE SCOTCH

3 HOGENAKKAL FALLS PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 2.30: 1. Chotipari (4) Laxman S 62.5, 2. Adornment (5) Antony 57.5, 3. Larissa (2) Trevor 55.5, 4. Adelanto (6) Angad 55, 5. Larson (1) Jagadeesh 55 and 6. Forever Royal (3) G. Praveen 52.
1. LARISSA, 2. ADORNMENT

4 HEBBE FALLS PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-y-o & over, 3.00: 1. Double Vision (4) Chethan K 62.5, 2. El Alamein (3) Pavan 62, 3. Sundance Kid (8) Laxman S 62, 4. Gandolfini (1) Trevor 61, 5. Master Way (6) Asirvatham 60, 6. Elveden (2) Antony 59.5, 7. Sea Diamond (7) Md. Ashraf Reza 57, 8. Mega Success (9) Jagadeesh 54 and 9. Friya (5) Shreyas S 52.
1. ELVEDEN, 2. GANDOLFINI, 3. MASTER WAY

5 SPORTS AUTHORITY OF INDIA TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-y-o & over, 3-30: 1. Aquamatic (8) Asirvatham 62, 2. Flight On (6) Mukesh K 58.5, 3. Dynamic Force (1) J. Chinoy 57.5, 4. Small Dreams (4) Aleemuddin 57.5, 5. Felisa (7) Pavan 57, 6. Baashha (2) S. Sachin 55.5, 7. Basilica (5) Trevor 55.5, 8. Golden Time (3) Sai Kiran 55, 9. Ebotse (10) Antony 54.5, 10. Stravinsky (11) Salman Khan 54, 11. Bellavita (12) Neeraj 52.5 and 12. IL Volo (9) Angad 50.5.
1. FLIGHT ON, 2. SMALL DREAMS, 3. BASILICA

6 ROYAL CALCUTTA TURF CLUB CUP (1,600m), maiden 3-y-o only, (Terms), 4-00: 1. Darrington (6) Arvind K 57, 2. Mandate (5) Antony 57, 3. Prince Of Wales (2) Mukesh K 57, 4. Skagen (4) Trevor 57, 5. Supreme Success (1) Darshan 57 and 6. Mnemosyne (3) Sai Kiran 55.5.
1. SKAGEN, 2. DARRINGTON

7 BLACK CAVIAR PLATE (1,400m), rated 80 & above, (60 to 85 eligible), 4-30: 1. Touch Of Grey (4) Suraj 62.5, 2. Ricardo (2) Aleemuddin 59.5, 3. Kalamitsi (7) Trevor 57.5, 4. Sea The Sun (5) Sai Kiran 57, 5. Never Give In (6) Antony 56.5, 6. Irish Coffee (3) Shreyas S 50.5 and 7. Sekhmet (1) Rayan 50.
1. TOUCH OF GREY, 2. KALAMITSI

8 VIDURASHWATHA PLATE (Div. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Goddess Of War (4) Antony 60, 2. Able One (1) P. Mani 59, 3. Absolute Katrina (7) Sai Kiran 57.5, 4. Cascais (6) Salman Khan 56.5, 5. Dr Ash (2) Vivek 56.5, 6. SD Good Sam (3) Aleemuddin 56, 7. Art Of Romance (5) Angad 55.5 and 8. Pandurr (8) Jagadeesh 54.5.
1. GODDESS OF WAR, 2. ABSOLUTE KATRINA, 3. PANDURR
Day's best: **GODDESS OF WAR**
Double: **ASSURANCES - LARISSA**
Jkt: 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8; Tr (i): 3, 4 and 5; (ii): 6, 7 and 8.

Alcaraz. REUTERS

Alcaraz eases past Musetti to claim the No. 1 spot

ATP FINALS

Agence France-Presse
TURIN (ITALY)

Alcaraz needed one more win at the ATP Finals to beat Jannik Sinner to the No. 1 spot, and the Spaniard duly got that as he eased to a 6-4, 6-1 victory over Italian Lorenzo Musetti on Thursday to sweep his group at the season-ending event for the top eight players.

"It means the world to me to be honest," Alcaraz said. "The year-end No. 1 is always a goal.

"From the middle of the season till now I put the goal for the No. 1 because I thought it was there..."

It is the second time in his career that the 22-year-old has ended the year at the top of the rankings.

Sinner beat Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6(3) on Friday to complete a perfect group stage in his title defence.

The results: Carlos Alcaraz bt Lorenzo Musetti 6-4, 6-1; Jannik Sinner bt Ben Shelton 6-3, 7-6(3).

Arjun, Harikrishna settle for draws

The former shares a point with Aronian in 41 moves while the latter holds Martinez Alcantara; Sindarov the only winner on a day of stalemates

CHESS WORLD CUP

P.K. Ajith Kumar
ARPORA (GOA)

After the carnage in the tie-breaks, it was largely a day of peace at Resort Rio.

Of the eight games, seven were drawn in the round of 16 at the Chess World Cup on Friday. The day's only winner was Javokhir Sindarov, the 16th seed from Uzbekistan, who prevailed over Frederik Svane, the German who had stunned top seed D. Gukesh in the third round. White's double bishop and the advanced pawn on the queen-side carried the day after 68 moves of an Italian Game.

The highest seed left in the tournament, Arjun Erigaisi, and former champion Levon Aronian of the United States fought for some 41 moves, from a Queen's Gambit Declined opening, before the point was split in a rook-and-pawn ending. The second-seeded Arjun had white pieces and did try to put some pressure on his experienced rival, but had to be content with a draw in the end.

In the game between the other Indian standing, P. Harikrishna, and Jose Martinez Alcántara, who has been one of the biggest surprises here after knocking out the likes of eighth seed Nodirbek Adbusottorv, 41 moves were also played, and the ending featured rook and pawns, too. But that game had finished much earlier, though.

Daniil Dubov, the Russian who knocked out the third seed R. Praggnanandhaa, had an excellent chance to force a win, against the American Sam Shankland. And he had black pieces.

In the Spanish Game, Dubov had an opportunity to put Shankland in considerable trouble on the 43rd move with a centre-pawn check, but he instead played his light-squared bishop. After surviving that threat, Shankland got the draw 14 moves later.

The other American, Samuel Sevian, also got half-a-point off his higher-ranked rival, seventh seed Wei Yi of China, in a rook-ending, in 60 moves from Petrov's Defence.

Peace moves: Harikrishna and Arjun couldn't break through their opponents' defence. FIDE

The results (fifth round): Arjun Erigaisi drew with Levon Aronian (USA); Jose Martinez Alcántara (Mex) drew with P. Harikrishna; Gabriel Sargissian (Arm) drew with Nodirbek Yakubboev (Uzb); Alexander Donchenko (Ger) drew with Le Quang Liem (Vie); Andrey Esipenko (Rus) drew with Aleksey Grebnev (Rus); Sam Shankland (USA) drew with Daniil Dubov (Rus); Samuel Sevian (USA) drew with Wei Yi (Chn); Javokhir Sindarov (Uzb) bt Frederik Svane (Ger).

Zidansek and Juvan help Slovenia upset Netherlands

BJK CUP

Ashwin Achal
BENGALURU

Slovenia defeated the Netherlands 2-1 in a battle of heavyweights on the opening day of the Group 'G' Billie Jean King Cup play-offs here on Friday.

Slovenia's Tamara Zidansek (World No. 162) and Kaja Juvan (98) raised the bar by defeating higher-ranked opponents in Arantxa Rus (139) and Suzan Lamens (87) respectively.

Setting the tone

The tone was set by 2021 French Open semifinalist Zidansek, who made short work of southpaw Rus. Zidansek was in her element in the first set, pouncing on short balls with venom.

The 34-year-old Rus came alive in the second set, going for winners and hitting deep, flat groundstrokes. A close tie-break beckoned, which ended with the consistent Zidansek taking the honours.

The S.M. Krishna Tennis Stadium courts saw big bounce, with the ball often rearing above the head. Tamara, adept at whipping an overhead forehand, adapted to the conditions with ease.

Zidansek also did well to rush to the net when her approach shot found the corners, allowing her to close out points with clean volleys.

Juvan and Lamens, the two best players in the group, went toe-to-toe in a quality outing. Lamens smacked powerful forehands at will, while the lean, tall Juvan stretched every sinew to retrieve certain winners.

Juvan overturned a 2-5 disadvantage to win the first set 7-6. Lamens then forced a decider, holding serve at crucial junctures to close out the second set.

The 24-year-old Juvan soon shifted gears, hitting down-the-line backhand winners when Lamens lobbed in weak second serves. The constant pressure took a toll on Lamens, who finished second best at the end of a two-hour, 34-minute slugfest.

Host India takes on heavy favourite Slovenia on Saturday. If Slovenia defeats India, the former will emerge as an early winner in this three-team group.

The result: Slovenia bt the Netherlands 2-1 (Tamara Zidansek bt Arantxa Rus 6-1, 7-6(6); Kaja Juvan bt Suzan Lamens 7-6(7), 4-6, 6-3; Dalila Jakupovic & Nika Radisic lost to Lamens & Demi Schuurs 4-6, 0-6).

Two strong: Juvan and Zidansek proved too good for their Dutch opponents. K. MURALI KUMAR

WFI lifts suspension of Aman and Neha

Sports Bureau
KOLKATA

The Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Friday revoked the suspension on Paris Olympics bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat and promising wrestler Neha Sangwan for jumping their weight limits and getting disqualified at the World championships and World under-20 championships respectively.

The WFI took the decision after receiving apology letters from the two wrestlers and consulting top coaches of the country. It has made both wrestlers eligible to take part in different events, including the Asian Games next year.

"Our coaches recommended that considering these wrestlers' track record, they should be given a chance. Otherwise, they would miss out on important events, such as the National championships (in Ahmedabad in December) and the Pro Wrestling League (next year). After the two sent apology letters, saying that they would not commit such mistakes in the future, we decided to lift the suspension," WFI president Sanjay Singh told *The Hindu*.

Neha (59kg) was overweight at the World under-20 championships in Bulgaria in August, while Aman (57kg) missed the weight stipulation at the World championships in Croatia in September.

Neha and Aman had been suspended for two years and one year respectively.

Babar on song as Pakistan wins series

CRICKET

Agence France-Presse
RAWALPINDI

Babar Azam's unbeaten century powered Pakistan to an eight-wicket victory against Sri Lanka in the second ODI of the three-match series here on Friday. The win gave Pakistan an unassailable 2-0 lead.

Chasing a target of 289, Babar remained unbeaten on 102 (119b, 8x4). Earlier, Abrar Ahmed and Haris Rauf took three wickets each after Pakistan sent the tourists in to bat on a flat pitch.

The scores: Sri Lanka 288/8 in 50 overs (Sadeera Samarawickrama 42, Janith Liyanage 54, Kamindu Mendis 44, Wanindu Hasaranga 37 n.o., Haris Rauf 3/66, Abrar Ahmed 3/41) lost to Pakistan 289/2 in 48.2 overs (Fakhar Zaman 78, Babar Azam 102 n.o., Mohd. Rizwan 51 n.o.). **Toss:** Pakistan; **PoM:** Babar.

Babar. AP

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5	2025_KMML_820694_1	For the supply of Head and Nozzle for Roaster Spray Boom
6	2025_KMML_820763_1	For the Supply of Gemco Valves
7	2025_KMML_820778_1	For the supply of Low-Density Polythene(LDPE) Film/Sheet

Chavara 14.11.2025 Sd/- Managing Director for The Kerala Minerals and Metals Ltd

भारत कोकिंग कोल लिमिटेड
(कोल इण्डिया लिमिटेड की एक अनुषगी कंपनी)
Bharat Coking Coal Limited
(A Subsidiary of Coal India Limited)
(एक मिनीरत्न कंपनी / A Mini Ratna Company)
(भारत सरकार का उपक्रम / A Government of India Undertaking)

NOTICE

All the tenders* issued by Bharat Coking Coal Limited (BCCL) for procurement of Goods, Works and Services are available on website of **BCCL www.bcclweb.in,** Coal India Limited (CIL) e-procurement portal **https:// coalindiatenders.nic.in** and Central Public Procurement Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in** In addition, procurement is also done through GeM portal **https://gem.gov.in.**
*This is applicable to all Open (Domestic / Global) Tenders issued through e-procurement portal of CIL.

TAMILNADU MINERALS LIMITED
(An Undertaking of Government of Tamil Nadu)
No.31, Kamarajar Salai, Chepauk, Chennai - 600 005.
Phone No.044-28415003, 28511972
NOTICE INVITING e-TENDER WITH FORWARD BIDDING

1	Description	Sale of dimensional black and colour granite blocks from certain quarries of TAMIN, Tamil Nadu.
2	Tender No. & Date Tender IDs	**447/EX-1/2025, Dated.05.11.2025** 1. 2025_TNMIN_622553_1 2. 2025_TNMIN_622582_1 3. 2025_TNMIN_622588_1 4. 2025_TNMIN_622608_1 5. 2025_TNMIN_622616_1 6. 2025_TNMIN_622625_1 7. 2025_TNMIN_622687_1 8. 2025_TNMIN_622701_1 9. 2025_TNMIN_622709_1 10. 2025_TNMIN_622725_1 11. 2025_TNMIN_622740_1 12. 2025_TNMIN_622751_1 13. 2025_TNMIN_622804_1 14. 2025_TNMIN_622817_1 15. 2025_TNMIN_622968_1 16. 2025_TNMIN_622975_1
3	Bid submission end date	**15.12.2025 up to 1600 hrs.**
4	Technical bid opening date	**17.12.2025 at 1600 hrs.**
5	Tender form fee & EMD	Rs.2,000/- (Rupees two thousand only) or equivalent USD.25 (Non-refundable) As per Annexure - 1 of tender documents

Note: For further details please visit Tamilnadu e-tendering portal: **https://tntenders.gov.in**
DIPR/6167/TENDER/2025 GENERAL MANAGER (Finance)

APPOINTMENT

CSIR-INDIAN INSTITUTE OF CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY
(Council of Scientific & Industrial Research)
UPPAL ROAD, HYDERABAD, TELANGANA -500 007

WALK-IN-INTERVIEW NOTIFICATION NO. PS/11/2025

CSIR-IICT, Hyderabad is conducting Walk-in-Interviews on 27th November 2025 for the positions of Project Staff having qualifications of M.Sc. in Chemistry/ M.Tech in Chemical Engineering/B.Tech in Chemical Engineering / M. Pharm/ B.Sc. etc.

For full details visit our website www.iictindia.org

Sd/-
Controller of Administration

NASHIK MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, NASHIK
E-Tender Cell Department
E-Tender Notice No. 27 (2025-26)

Nashik Municipal Corporation, Nashik (Water Supply Mechanical Department) vide E-Tender Notice No. 27 (Year 2025-26) invites bids for 01 to 74 number of works which will be displayed on the website www.mahatenders.gov.in from dt 1**8/11/2025 to 25/11/2025** up to 3.00 pm. Last date for acceptance of tender will be dt. **25/11/2025.**

Note - All further necessary notices / clarifications will be published on the online website.

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
(Tender Cell)
Nashik Municipal Corporation.

जनसंपर्क/जा.क्र/३४५/२०२५ दि.१४/११/२०२५ गोदा प्रदुषण टाळा, भविष्य संभाळा.

COLLECTOR'S OFFICE, CHITTOOR DISTRICT
Roc. No. DRDA/LH/396/2025 Dt. 14/11/2025

SUPPLY OF 10,000 E-CYCLES ACROSS CHITTOOR DISTRICT TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MICRO E-MOBILITY

The Government of Andhra Pradesh has set a vision to achieve carbon neutrality (Scope-1 emission) from the transport sector by the year 2047. In alignment with this vision, the Collector and District Magistrate, Chittoor District, invites of Interest (EoI) from interested and eligible vendors for: **"SUPPLY OF 10,000 E-CYCLES ACROSS CHITTOOR DISTRICT TO PROMOTE SUSTAINABLE MICRO E-MOBILITY."**

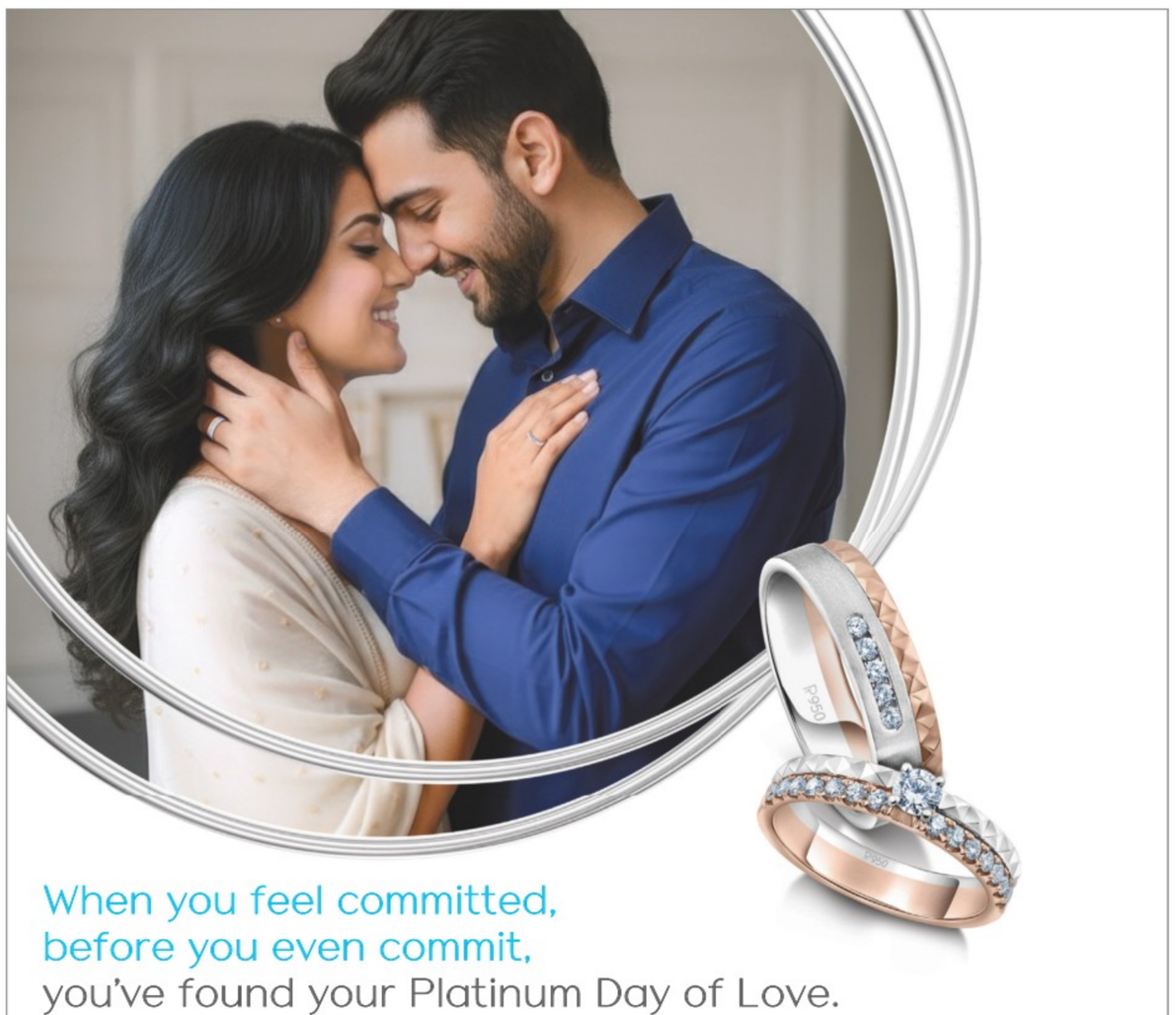
The EoI document can be downloaded from the **https://chittoor.ap.gov.in/**, up to the last date for receipt of applications.

IMPORTANT DATES:

PARTICULARS		SCHEDULED DATE
Publication of EOI Notice in Newspapers	:	15-11-2025
Due Date for Receipt of EOI Applications	:	22-11-2025 @ 3.00 PM
Opening of EOI Applications	:	22-11-2025 @ 5.00 PM
Presentation by Vendors	:	24-11-2025 @ 4.00 PM
Period of Completion	:	45 Days

SUBMISSION DETAILS: Interested applicants are requested to submit their EoI responses in two hard copies to: **The Collector and District Magistrate Vivekananda Bhavan, Vellore Road, Chittoor – 517002, Andhra Pradesh.** A soft copy of the application should also be sent to the **pddrdactr@gmail.com** that will be specified, **on or before 22-11-2025 @ 3.00 P.M.**

Sd/- COLLECTOR AND DISTRICT MAGISTRATE, CHITTOOR DISTRICT.



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